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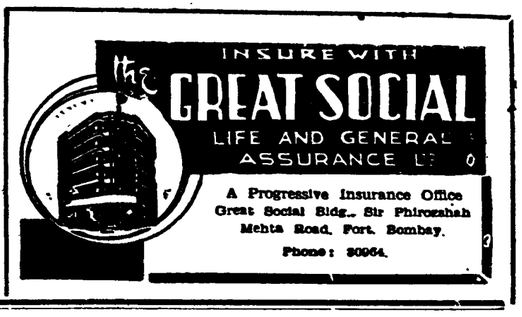
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Nazi Offensive Rising In Tempo

MAJOR PENETRATIONS IN AMERICAN LINE

Counter-Attacks On Western And Italian Fronts

LONDON, December 20.

The Rome Radio today reported that General Mark Clark told a Delegation of the United States which is touring the 5th Army sector: "Some of the best German divisions are on the Italian front. These must be prevented from giving aid to the Germans both in France and Hungary. The advance of the Allied armies in Italy has never been slowed down for shortage of ammunition.

The tasks assigned to both the 8th and 5th armies are not only to chase the Germans from Italian soil, but grind down and annihilate 28th enemy divisions in Italy. The reason why the Germans are making an all-out attempt to preserve their present battleline is to enable them strip Northern Italy."

RUNDSTEDT'S FOUR MAIN DRIVES

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at S.H.A.E.F., Paris: Wednesday: Rundstedt unleashed four main drives—to Echternach, Malmedy, Saint Vith and Monschau. The Saint Vith drive was a pincer movement, and not more than 500 parachutists were dropped behind our lines to support the Monschau operations. The deepest penetration is in the Malmedy area where tanks and infantry smashed on twenty miles from Honsfeld to Stavelot in the first 36 hours of the offensive. The column thrusting from Honsfeld which is close to the German frontier split up after a few miles, one arm swinging north to the vicinity of Butgenbach, eight miles east of Malmedy, and the other one to reach Stavelot five miles south-west of Malmedy and only twenty miles from Liege.

United States First Army Headquarters Wednesday: A senior Allied staff officer said to-day:

"Things look better now". He added "the German offensive is still rising in tempo and has not yet reached the climax, and led properly, the war can be won right here".

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the United States First Army Headquarters, Wednesday: The First Army at this moment is not and has not been in retreat. Where breakthroughs have occurred, they have gone past the Allied troops, but none of them have fallen back. The movement has been more to the front than to the rear.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent, S.H.A.E.F., Paris, Dec. 20.

It is officially stated at S.H.A.E.F. to-day (Wednesday) that the German offensive has forced major penetrations in the American line. One penetration has been made as deep as twenty miles and some American units have been cut off. The Germans have reached Stavlot, Consdorf and a point less than two miles east of Saint Vith.

The security black-out on the operations was lifted to-day to cover the period until mid-day on Monday, and it discloses a picture of German tanks and infantry swarming up from the Reich over Belgium and Luxembourg. At some points, quick reaction by the Americans managed to halt the westward surge, but other Germans continue to push on.

An official order to the Wehrmacht captured in the battle area says the German forces will use American equipment, weapons, vehicles and insignia, especially the five pointed liberation star on vehicles.

Reuter adds, Stavelot is about twenty miles inside the Belgian frontier and about the same distance from Liege. It is about four miles west of Malmedy, capture of which by the Germans was unofficially reported yesterday. Consdorf is five miles inside the Luxembourg frontier. Saint Vith is five miles inside the Belgian frontier and about eleven miles south-east of Stavelot and Malmedy.

The big push towards the important road junction of Saint Vith, seven miles across the frontier, was supported by armour. One arm of the pincer came from the South-East and the other from the East, and they succeeded in cutting off some American troops. The drive from South-East got as far as Maspelt, four miles South-East of Saint Vith, but the other arm dashed on to within less than two miles of the objective. The American forces screened this advance and held the Germans before the town where heavy fighting was reported to be progressing up to the time covered by the news now released.

LONDON, Dec. 20: Gen. Eisenhower yesterday threw tanks and infantry into the first Allied counter-measures against German offensive in Belgium. Late last night, it was reported that the northern penetration had been sealed off and some ground regained further south.

But the German pressure showed no signs of slackening and again news blackout on all place-names in the fighting area was imposed by both the Commands.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at the 21st Army Group Headquarters, Wednesday. The first sign of life on the front between the Dutch Frontier and the area north of Aachen which has been static for some time was reported to-day. German patrols reached the Allied positions in the area of Gellenkirchen (fourteen miles north of Aachen) and Maeseyck (on the Maas seventeen miles further to north-west) and shells and mortars from German emplacements came over in a shower. The front is still wet and fog-bound. Flying weather is definitely favouring the Germans. The Luftwaffe flew about twohundred sorties during the day strafing group troops in fives and sixes—smaller formations than they have recently been using.

S. H. A. E. F. Communique

S. H. A. E. F. PARIS, Dec. 20: General Eisenhower's "communique" to-day stated: "Fighting continues in the area between Monschau and Southern Luxembourg where the enemy launched his attack.

Despite poor flying conditions German armour and truck convoys in Monschau forest and in the Schleiden area were attacked by fighter-bombers yesterday. Farther east targets at Marmagen and Munstereifel were hit.

North of Monschau, Allied forces continued the mopping up of enemy elements in Wurm and Mullendorf.

After several days' heavy fighting Fort Simserhoff in the Maginot Line just north-west of Bitsche was occupied. The enemy continued to resist stubbornly at nearby fort of Schiesseck. North-west of Wissembourg, our troops encountered stiff opposition. Two strong counter-attacks were repulsed.—Reuter.

On Italian Front

NAZI BATTLE FOR HOLD ON LAMONE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Though driven back from the Lamone river south of Highway 9 to new positions behind the Sento river, Kesselring's troops in Italy are still fighting to keep a hold on the Lamone north of the city of Faenza.

In a counter-attack with tanks, they pushed the 8th Army back to the Bologna railway running through the northern outskirts of the city. The Germans have also launched counter-attacks against the Canadian bridgehead over Canale Naviglio.

Allied forward units have reached the German defensive waterway along Fosso Vecchio and are threatening Baganacavallo.

The Mediterranean Allied Force Advanced Headquarters December 20. Today's communique says: The Eighth Army have made limited gains north and northeast of Faenza against strong resistance. Polish and Indian troops of the Eighth Army have now virtually cleared all organised enemy resistance south of the River Senio west of the main Bologna Rimini highway. **There has been no appreciable change to our positions on the Fifth Army sector.**—Reuter.

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NEW NAZI "V" WEAPON ON WESTERN FRONT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 19:—Chief of the United States Army Ordnance Maj.-Gen. Levin Campbell said today that new secret German "V" Weapon being used on the Western Front is a smaller variant of "V2". He described it as wingless and capable of greater speed than sound.

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Save Chimur Convicts

Monster Petition To C. P. Governor

NAGPUR, Dec. 20

Reports of feverish activity to enlist support of people of all shades of opinion for the mercy petition for the fifteen condemned prisoners in the Ashti and Chimur Cases are being received from all over the Province. Over 25,000 signatures are understood already to have been obtained. A move is afoot to observe an All-India Chimur and Ashti Day if the mercy appeals to the Governor-General and the Governor of C. P. fail.

It is reported that Rajaji and other prominent leaders are being consulted in this connection.—United Press.

Bullet Must Give Place To Ballot

GREENWOOD ATTACKS CHURCHILL'S POLICY IN GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 20

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, opening to-day's debate on Greece on a motion for adjournment of the House declared in the House of Commons, that the Labour Party was fully aware of the serious turn of events on the Western Front. That must be in the forefront of everyone's mind all the time. He declared he had never, since the declaration of war, spoken in any sense, which he thought, would interfere with its active prosecution towards final victory. "One feels now we are suffering, and one must admit a substantial and serious reverse."

Mr. Greenwood declared "This problem of Greece has its importance, not from the military point of view, but from the fact that finally when military power has exercised its force, spiritual values will finally determine victory. One must regard the situation in Greece as a test case. I am fully aware of all the difficulties we have had in the past. We are now in very considerable difficulties as regards the situation in Greece. I must say this, and I say it far more in sorrow than in anger and with a full sense of responsibility that the Prime Minister has not handled this situation in a way in which it should have been handled. I am not taking any joy in saying this, but I feel it on my conscience to say it, because I believe the Prime Minister's words have in fact done something to embitter the political situation here. There is no division in the country on this issue.

Mr. Greenwood said: "Everybody deplores the situation and knows it is a fantastic and tragic situation to have Greeks and Britons at each other's throats.

If there is difference of opinion, I regret to say, it is due to the tone and words used by the Prime Minister last Friday. If the Prime Minister had been a little more responsive and generous in the words he used, there need have been no occasion for a special debate to-day.

The Prime Minister really should not come down as a schoolmaster prior to the Christmas holidays waving his birch in front of him instead of wishing all boys a Happy Christmas.

This is not an occasion for a vote of censure. It is a no challenge to Government, but there is great perturbation in the minds of millions in the country and of our Allies as to the situation in Greece. I am not seeking to cast blame on anyone for past actions. I am anxious as everyone is, to find a way out of this difficulty which will redound to the honour of Britain and the Greek people and cement the bond of friendship. I believe this problem is not military, but political (cheers). It is not going to be solved by forcible means or by demanding that arms shall be laid down before anyone talks. It is the supreme test of statesmanship on which the future liberty of our country will largely depend. Other territories will be liberated, and we are likely to have the same kind of problems, because political views have developed with amazing rapidity under the pressure of war.

Mr. Greenwood said: "If on each occasion when a nation is liberated or partly liberated, we are going to be in the position of a sort of Gestapo to keep under ground forces, when it has been our glory to admire in the past when they were resisting at very great peril to themselves, then Britain loses her good name in Europe. I am not myself quite as afraid of EAM (Greek Left Wing Organisation) as the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister tends to drive the people into sheep and goats; He tried to convey the impression we were helping to support the righteous cause and everyone who was EAM was a gangster.

We went into Greece with the perfectly good motive of feeding the Greek people. Having got involved in this trouble, Government cannot escape from it, and they have got to see it through. I think they have a great part to play in establishing Armistice. From that time, things could march along to what the Prime Minister looked forward to, I am sure with complete sincerity, the right of the Greek people freely and fairly to determine their own future. It is unfortunate the King of Greece should have expressed great reluctance against the establishment of a Regency, which as far as I understand, is generally agreed by the vast majority of the Greek people. Unless we are courageous enough to handle the situation firmly but in the interests of the liberated people, we shall set up a precedent for the future". He could see the same situation arising again and again in the new year with the victory of Allied arms.

"I am prepared to forget Darlans and Badoglios, but I am not prepared to forget Greece, because we have taken this responsibility on ourselves for purely humanitarian reasons in the first instance. I beg Government in the interests of Greece, the future and honour of our people in the eyes of the world to get rid of the shooting and get down to making of ballot rather than bullet".

EDEN'S REPLY

LONDON, Dec. 20: Mr. Eden Foreign Secretary replying to to-day's emergency debate in the Commons on Greece said Britain could perhaps have been censured for not having intervened in Athens on behalf of Law and Order at an earlier date, but he refuted the suggestion made by Mr. Gallacher (Communist), that some one had whispered in the ear of M. Papandreou, Greek Prime Minister, to ban Sunday demonstration. "He gave the impression that the British minister had whispered and that is quite untrue", Mr. Eden added.

Mr. Eden understood that it was the declaration of general strike that made the Greek cabinet feel the demonstration ought not to take place although they had previously allowed it.—

EDEN DEFENDS CHURCHILL

Mr. Greenwood had been a little unfair in what he had said about the Prime Minister's words about ELAS. The Prime Minister had said that "ELAS is a mixed body. It would be unfair to stigmatise them all as entirely self-seeking men." There were cries from members of "he said more than that."

Mr. Strauss (Labour): The Prime Minister talked about a well-organised plot or plan by which ELAS should march down upon Athens, seize it by armed force and establish a reign of terror.

Mr. Eden said "What I am dealing with is Mr. Greenwood's statement that the Prime Minister said everything about ELAS was utterly bad. That is why I produced that quotation."—Reuter.

United Nations And Greek Situation

LONDON, Dec. 20

Mr Churchill, when questioned in the Commons to-day whether there was now complete co-operation and accord between the British, United States and U.S.S.R. Governments on the British Government's policy in Greece declared: "The burden of attending to the troubles in Greece has fallen upon Great Britain and we have not so far been able to discharge this task without criticism, even here at home which has added to our difficulties. The three great powers are in entire agreement upon the general aims which bind our alliance and we have every need to keep in closest association in this dangerous last moments stage of the war."

Mr. Lipson (Independent) asked: "Does Mr. Churchill not agree that there is danger in implementation of the proposals of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference if certain powers assign themselves to spheres of influence and other powers are not brought into co-operation during the war?" Mr. Churchill replied: "I think that is a topic that obviously I should not attempt to deal with now."

Mr. Shinwell (Labour): "But will the Prime Minister now say whether there is, in fact, complete co-operation?" Mr. Churchill: "There is complete co-operaton, but whether there is complete agreement upon every aspect of these matters is another question altogether but I have not the slightest doubt that complete and effective co-operation will go on in all aspects of the war. We had certain task thrown upon us and we are discharging it to the best of our ability.

Mr. Lipson: "Are the Government taking steps to try to bring about greater accord?" Mr. Churchill: "I think that would be a justifiable conclusion to form at this stage."

Mr. Eden was also questioned about Greece during question time. Mr. Eden said, if the armistice terms were accepted, Britain would do her best to ensure to the Greek people a Government of their choice and free elections as early as possible and a decision in respect of their constitution.

Mr. Riley (Labour) asked: "Is it quite understood that negotiations are still proceeding and will he bear in mind the great anxiety in this country to see that the armistice is arrived at the earliest possible date?" Mr. Eden replied: "Everyone in this country naturally wants the situation to be brought to an end at the earliest possible moment."

Mr. Shinwell: "If the so-called left-wing resistance movements do agree to the terms laid down by General Scobie, is there any assurance that they would be subsequently prosected in unarmed condition against rightwing elements which may still be in possession of their arms?" Mr. Eden replied: "I can assure him that we shall take every precaution in that respect. It is not the desire that as a result of this business there should be victimisation either on one side or the other. Our desire is that there should be amnesty and the Greeks should have an opportunity to live in peace and harmony."—Reuter.

Commons To Adjourn

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In moving a motion that the Commons adjourn tomorrow until January 16, Mr. Eden stated, today that provision existed for the recall of Parliament at short notice should the need arise. The motion was agreed to.

WEST AFRICANS TAKE KINDAUNG

KANDY, Dec. 20: To-day's S. E. A. C. "communique" reported: West African troops have occupied Kindaung six miles south-east of Buthidaung. Our forward patrols are now within four miles of India on the coast 25 miles south-east of Maungdaw.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Troops of the Thirty-third British division occupied Kanbaung, 12 miles south of Rail Indaw.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Our patrols have reached a point eight miles east of Shwegyin.

West of the Chindwin, Lushai scouts killed off an enemy group 20 miles south of Kalewa.

R. I. N. LANDINGS IN BURMA

Allies Have Almost A Free Run Of Bay Of Bengal

KANDY, Wednesday: From "A. P. I." Special Correspondent: The advance of the Fifteenth Indian Corps down the Arakan coastal strip has been speeded up by a series of co-ordinated seaborne strikes and raids made in recent weeks. The raiding parties landed from small ships of the Royal Indian Navy. Air reconnaissance photographs show that since the landings were made the Japanese have been hastily constructing defences.

Ships of the Royal Indian Navy and the East Indies Fleet have almost a free run of the Bay of Bengal.—A. P.

FRANCE AND TANGIERS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Paris radio said that the French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, questioned on the Tangiers situation in the French Consultative Assembly declared "France will never recognise the occupation of Tangiers as an established fact".

CAWNPORE, Dec. 20: The U. P. Hindi Journalists' Conference will be held here on December 22 and 23 under the presidency of Mr. Benarsidas Chaturvedi.—United Press

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Previous Closing	21.94
Today's Opening	21.94
Difference	Nil
Today's Closing	21.91
Difference	-03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General Motors dol 64-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 29-1/8
U. S. Steel Corporation Common dol. 60-1/8
Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

'SANE GURUJI' ON HUNGER-STRIKE

"Penance Over Sorry State Of Affairs In Labour Movement"

POONA, Dec. 20.

Much anxiety is felt here over the condition of Mr. P. S. Sane Alias "Sane Guruji".

Well-known Congress leader of Maharashtra who has gone on a 30 day hunger-strike from December 6 in Nasik Central Jail where he is detained at present. Mr. Sane who is a staunch follower of Mahatma Gandhi, was the first man to organise the labour movement in East Khandesh and to his complete dissatisfaction he finds that to-day it is being completely dominated by Communists. He is said to observe the fast as a penance over this sorry state of affairs in the Labour Movement.

Various Congress Committees, meetings and Labour organisations in East Khandesh have requested him to give up the fast.—A. P.

INDIAN PILOTS AND CREW DID IT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.—Mr. A F T Cambridge, Managing Director, Indian National Airways, presiding over the annual general meeting of the Company, said that during the year ended June 30, 1944 the Company's aircraft flew approximately 8,50,000 miles on services on behalf of the Government of India and the armed forces. The passenger traffic touched the high figure of 37,25,000 passenger-miles and a total of 4,74,000 traffic ton-miles was accomplished, all these operations, he said, had been carried out by Indian pilots and Indian crews, and a preponderating majority of the ground staff were also Indian.

were also Indian.—A. P.

RAILWAY PORTER RUN OVER

CAWNPORE, Dec. 20.—A railway porter who was attempting to cross the railway lines at the Central Railway Station was run over by the train which was entering the platform. He was removed to Oursula Horsman Hospital, where he died.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

GERMANS EJECTED FROM MONSCHAU

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the First United States Army. The Germans have been driven from the city of Monschau by troops of the first United States army.

Americans have considerably stiffened their resistance around Malmedy and Stavelot.—Reuter.

GUERILLAS CAPTURE R.A.F. HQS.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Athens, (Wednesday): It is officially announced that R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece was captured by guerilas after a fight which lasted all Monday and far into the night. The Headquarters was in the hillside resort of Kifissia, 10 miles north-east of Athens.—Reuter.

FRONTIER GOVERNOR FLOUTS CONSTITUTION

No Autumn Session Of Assembly Despite Congress Tabling No-Confidence Motion In Ministry

PESHAWAR, December 19.

Sir George Cunningham, Governor of the N. W. F. P. has informed Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party, in reply to the latter's communications to His Excellency, that there is not sufficient Government business to justify an autumn session of the Legislative Assembly.

In regard to the question of detained Congress M.L.A.'s the Governor says that this is a matter to which he is constantly giving his attention, and that this is a matter in which constitutionally he can hardly do otherwise than act on his Ministers' advice.

CAN DEFEAT MINISTRY

The Rai Bahadur had sent to the Governor a motion of no-confidence in the present Ministry signed by 20 members—a motion which, he said, "we are now in a position to move and successfully carry through".

To this His Excellency replied on November 26: "I have again given consideration to the question in view of your letter in which you say that 20 members of the Assembly, in the event of a session being held, would support a motion of no-confidence in the present Ministry. This, however, does not itself appear to me to be a justification for calling a session of the Assembly Ad Hoc, as little more than three months are now left before the Budget Session will begin".

Rai Bahadur Khanna in the course of another letter to the Governor said: "Inspite of the fact that the Ministry had been in office now for over 18 months, it has not been able either to gather additional strength or sabotage the high morale of the Opposition. It neither had the majority when it was set up nor has it to-day. It remained in office as ten members of the Congress Parliamentary Party were in jail.

VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION

Recently five have been released. Though five members of our Party are still in jail we have been able to sponsor a motion of no-confidence. This would have come up before the Autumn Session in the normal course of things, but the Autumn Session is not being held on the plea of absence of business".

Your Excellency, it is for the first time in the history of this Province since the reformed constitution was ushered in 1932 that a departure has been made. It has been an open secret since April last that no Autumn Session will be held. Your Excellency, may I humbly ask, where is necessity or justification for having a Ministry if there is no 'business', if the Ministry is so lethargic or may I say so shaky that it has to run after members every minute of its life and placate them by all possible means why should the Opposition be deprived of its privilege of asking questions, moving resolutions and introducing bills? I feel it is a violation of the spirit of the constitution.

"Your Excellency, the present strength of the House is 43 as one out of 50 members if the Speaker, five members of our Party are in jail and another member of our party is out of the Provinces. Out of them, 20 have already signed the motion of no-confidence.

I have already informed the Chief Minister and a copy of my letter was also sent to your Secretary on 17-11-44 that I can produce a motion of no-confidence signed by two more members. It means that the strength of the Opposition will be 22 as against 21 in a House of 49, the 50th member being the Speaker.

Under the circumstances, Sir, will it be in the interest of justice and the spirit of constitution to keep such a Ministry in power for another three months?"

Sir George Cunningham in his reply dated the 9th December regretted that "he does not see any reason for altering his previous decision that a session of the Legislative Assembly need not be held before the Budget Session in the Spring of 1945."

IMPROVEMENT IN GANDHIJI'S HEALTH

BLOOD PRESSURE NORMAL NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY

SEWAGRAM, December 20.

Dr. Sushila Nayar has issued the following bulletin about Gandhiji's health:—

"Gandhiji has had a mild attack of influenza for the last four days. His temperature was not recorded higher than 101—2. His blood pressure is normal. Gandhiji is much improved and has no fever today. There is no cause for anxiety."

NO QUARTER TO GREEK 'REBELS'

SCOBIE'S WARNING TO CIVILIANS

From Reuter's Special Correspondent: Athens, Wednesday:—

The sound of shelling and machine-gun fire was heard in Athens, but comparative quiet has now returned to the city. Planes dropping flares droned over the Athens area most of the night, but there was only spasmodic machine-gun fire from the outer districts. There is still no news of the situation at Kifissia where ELAS troops launched a strong attack on the R.A.F. Headquarters on Monday.

Up to 11 a.m. to-day, M. Papandreou has had no reply from the Greek King to his cable yesterday recommending proclamation of regency. The cable was signed by the whole of the Cabinet, and it is understood that other Greek political leaders outside the Cabinet also sent similar recommendation.

British forces to-day continued to consolidate and mop up the areas won in Monday's drive British authorities at the Piraeus port of Athens, where unloading of supplies has been at a standstill, have received several thousand applications for work from dockers in the past few days.

Aircraft to-day dropped leaflets containing a warning from General Ronald Scobie, General Officer Commanding Greece, to civilians in and around Athens and Piraeus that 'Rebel' arm still firing after 9 a.m. to-morrow will be attacked "with all the arms at my disposal."

General Scobie added these would include aeroplanes, naval guns and rockets. "This attack will continue until the guns are destroyed. For their personal security, all civilians in the areas concerned must immediately evacuate to a distance of 500 metres from the position of any rebel guns. No further warning will be given."

Surrender Of Arms In Greece

LONDON, Dec. 20: When pressed in the Commons to-day to say whether the Greek right-wing organisation of Edes had surrendered their arms, Mr. Eden replied that a date was agreed upon by all guerillas to surrender their arms, but before that date, these disturbances broke out and unhappily, therefore, the agreement was broken. Mr. Eden added that it would be necessary to make another agreement.

Myitnge Bridge Knocked Out

EASTERN AIR COMMAND, Dec. 20.

Air Commando P47s of Eastern Air Command yesterday knocked out the Myitnge Railway Bridge one of the biggest bridges left standing in Burma says a S. E. A. C. Press Note.

SOVIET THREAT TO KOSICE

Battles Rage Across Czechoslovakia

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The great Czechoslovak Railway and manufacturing centre of Kosice is threatened from four directions by the Red Army.

A front line official despatch reaching Moscow early to-day said that Russians had captured a locality 1 miles south of the town.

The Germans have admitted that the defences of Kosice may have already been breached. East of Kosice, Dargo a German strong point covering the road to Kosice, was occupied by men of the Red Army.

RETREAT OF GERMAN UNITS

MOSCOW, Dec. 20: (Morning Dispatch)—From Reuter's Special Correspondent—Soviet pincer columns are to-day closing on the remaining German pocket in North-eastern Hungary, while battles rage across Czechoslovakia on an everwidening front. German units, some of which have been retreating for months, are breaking up under the strain of incessant marching and fighting during daylight with outflanking clashes and poundings by Soviet bombers all night.

Kosice, a vital eastern Slovakian railway hub, is to-day firmly gripped from the east and south with other Soviet units moving into position to the west.

The bitter struggle, which began weeks ago on the approaches to the town, is likely to end soon.—Reuter.

'Super-Forts' Bomb Shanghai & Nanking

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20.—Super forttresses bombed the dockyards and engineering plant in Shanghai in clear weather yesterday. The results were excellent, Japanese air interception and anti-aircraft fire were weak. Five Japanese planes were shot down and three others probably shot down.

Nanking was also bombed and warehouses were damaged.

The first revised totals from 14th Army Air Force units participating in Monday's raid on Hankow discloses that 42 Japanese aircraft have been destroyed—21 in air combat and the remainder on ground.

FOUR MONTHS' JAIL FOR SURRENDERED WORKER

SURAT, Dec. 20.

Bikubhai Sastri of Olpad who surrendered to the Surat police in pursuance of Gandhiji's instructions was produced before the Session Judge Surat to-day and was sentenced to four months imprisonment.—A. P.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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R. K JOSHI,
Assistant Controller of Rationing, Bombay.

20 December, 1944.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates of all communities to fill a temporary post of Assistant Engineer for the River Research Institute, Bengal which is likely to continue for a period of 3 years. Pay—Rs 200/- in the scale 150-650/-. Higher initial pay according to the length of service if candidates can claim more than 5 years service before this apptt. Qualifications—B. E. degree (preferably 1st class) Research experience in hydraulics and experience in P. W. D. accounts will be preferred. Age —not more than 27 years. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary Public Service Commission, Bengal Darjeeling personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form together with treasury receipt for Rs 5/- 14th January 1945.

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AUCTION SALES

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Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 21st December 1944, at 3 p.m. at their sale room.

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WILL WAVELL TRY 'FAITH CURE' ON SOME OF HIS GOVERNORS?

Sec. 93 Pills Have Done No Good Either To Them Or To Their Subjects, Says Jagdish Prasad

CHANDAUSI, Dec. 19: Kunwar Sir Jagadish Prasad, ex-Member, Viceroy's Executive Council says:

"It should be the aim to retain as many Indian officers as possible after the war so that within a reasonable time, the Indian Army may be completely officered with Indians. All talk of freedom without adequate military defence is running away from stern realities.

"The Viceroy has given high praise to his Indian Councillors. The Finance Portfolio will soon fall vacant. His Excellency should find no difficulty in selecting a suitable Indian out of the 400 million Indians to take charge of this most important department. Belief in the faith cure will be considerably strengthened if one of these key Departments is now entrusted to a competent Indian until such time as a National Government based on the support of political parties can be formed.

CURE GOVERNORS

The Viceroy has assumed for the moment the role of a medical adviser to political India. It is respectfully suggested that his advice is badly needed by some of his Governors. The Section 93 pills have now been administered to 200 million people for over five years and are doing no good either to them or to their Governors. The Governors would feel all the better if they were forced out of their political seclusion into some companionship with Indian colleagues. The Viceroy has found such companionship all to the good. India would be grateful to him if he were to persuade and if necessary order six of his Governors to follow this well-tried prescription.—A. P.

All-India Badminton

DEODHAR SISTERS BEATEN

Women's Doubles Final resulted in an unexpected defeat of the holders, Miss T. Deodhar and Miss S. Deodhar. They were playing far below their standard and more over there was understanding or combination.

Men's Singles Final ended with a victory to Davindar Mohan. Prakash committed many faults and as such he could give good opposition. In the second set Prakash was completely outclassed.

The final of the Inter-Provincial between Punjab and Delhi was the exciting and thrilling of all the events. There was keen contest throughout to the decider. The decider was the most exciting one. Jaini gave a brilliant performance at the net while Charanjit executed terrific smashes. There was excellent combination and faltering far in between.

While Prakash faltered frequently with the result that he not only could give any substantial help but gave the last point of the decider through fault.

Davindar put in his best hand but Prakash supported being that of floating straw, his efforts were futile.

Without doubt D. Charanjit and Jaini won by sheer strenuous efforts.

The Junior Singles Final between Chandiramani and T. Nath was not much interesting. The second and the decider brought in some 'life' to the game. For in the second game Chandiramini gave good display, put in much more efforts to extend the result. Chandiramini executed wonderful back-hand cross court drops that enabled him to level with Trilok when the board showed 1—10. It was a very patient and stout-hearted game Chandiramini played to oust Trilok Nath to get the title.

Scores:—

JUNIOR SINGLES FINAL

A. Chandiramini beat Trilok Nath. 5—15, 15—10, 15—11.

MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

Davindar Mohan beat Prakash Nath 15—10, 15—3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Miss F. Talyarkhan and Miss M. Chinoy beat Miss Sunder Deodhar and Miss Tara Deodhar, 15—4, 15—9.

INTER-PROVINCIAL FINAL

D. Charanjit and S. L. Jaini beat Davindar Mohan and Prakash Nath, 15—10, 6—15, 15—13.

Drop 'Purdah' Advises Lady Rama Rau To Muslim Women

Under the auspices of "Rahbar" Lady Rama Rau spoke on "All-India Women's Conference" on Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Sayani of the Adult Education Committee presided.

In the course of her speech Lady Rama Rau referred to a Conference held in Arabia, where the Arab Consul-General was present. But owing to the Purdah system existing then, the wife of the Arab Consul-General could not be present. But now in Arabia the whole atmosphere of the women's outlook on life and environment had undergone a revolutionary change. Muslim women had completely got rid of the Purdah system and there was no sign of any woman coming out with Purdah. Lady Rama Rau suggested a similar change of India of the present day, when there was absolutely no necessity of Purdah. This was possible, she said of achievement only by imparting compulsory primary education.

Mrs. Sayani thanked Lady Rama Rau for having responded to the invitation and for her enlightening lecture.

When Sub-letting Is Permitted

It is proposed to amend the Bombay Rent Restriction Act, 1939, permitting sub-letting without the permission of the landlord in cases where the rent charged to a sub-tenant is not in excess of the standard rent, while making it a sufficient cause for ejectment in other cases. A draft Bill to secure these objects has been published in the "Bombay Government Gazette". Any objections or suggestions in respect of the Bill should be submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, not later than February 1, 1945.

A. M. Varki Memorial Fund

The death of Mr. A. M. Varki a popular educationist of Travancore and the principal of the Union Christian College, Alwaye, at the comparatively early age of 52 has been lamented all over the country and his many friends, students and admirers in India and abroad have felt it as personal loss. In response to a strongly expressed desire at many meetings, that efforts should be made to perpetuate his memory in a fitting manner, an influential committee, with Mr. V. M. Itteyerah the present principal of Union Christian College, as the president has been formed to collect an amount of Rs. 24,000 to be called "Varki Memorial Fund". This amount is proposed to be utilised among other things for the construction of a hall, in the Union Christian College, to be named after Mr Varki.

Mr. C. P. Andrews, lecturer in Union Christian College, who has been appointed the organising secretary of the committee will visit Bombay in connection with collection works in the last week of December.

A Committee of students of Mr. Varki in Bombay has issued an appeal to all to contribute liberally to the fund and make it a success.

CAR DRIVER FINED RS. 7 FOR FAST-DRIVING

Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, delivered judgment in the case in which Meer Musa Karim, driver of Car No. BMX 1329 was charged with driving at a speed of 40-45 miles along Love Road and Hornby Vellard Road on July 21 last.

On the facts and circumstances of the case he found the accused guilty. "The accused had a clean licence and on the testimony I am satisfied that he is generally careful and I do not wish to make him unnecessarily nervous by imposing a heavy fine." He therefore ordered him to pay a fine of Rs. 7.

POST-WAR CIVILIAN RECRUITMENT

LUCKNOW, Dec. 18.—The "United Press' authoritatively understands that an important Conference of all Provincial Governments and the Government of India was held during the last week at Dehra Dun to discuss various problems concerning recruitment which were likely to arise at the termination of the present war.

Most of the Provincial Governments were represented either by their Chief Secretaries or other senior officers. On behalf of the Government of India Sir Frank Mudie, Home Member, attended it.

It is understood that the Conference devoted most of its time in planning our recruitment of war personnel in vacancies already reserved for them in civil administration by the Provincial and Central Governments.—United Press.

Appellate Courts & Jury Verdicts

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Macklin and Mr. Justice Sen)

Narayan Ratnakar and Others ..... Appellants (Original Accused)

Versus

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"The new section could not have been intended 'to substitute another form of trial for trial by jury'," observed Mr. Justice Sen in concurring with Mr. Justice Macklin in dismissing this appeal summarily.

The accused, seven persons, had been convicted and sentenced for having committed rape on one Luxmibai one after the other. The Jury having unanimously found them guilty Mr. Justice Blagden had sentenced them to terms ranging from 5 years downwards and in addition, to a varying number of lashes. The accused appealed mainly on the ground that the learned judge had misdirected the Jury in not pointing out the lack of corroboration, the contradictions and the falsehoods.

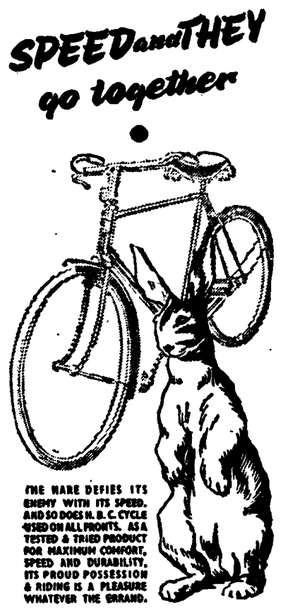
Mr. Justice Macklin observed that it was the worst case of rape he had ever come across.

Their Lordships came to the conclusion that it was impossible to have pointed out these factors with greater clarity than the trial judge had done. Their Lordships compared the new section 411-A of the Criminal Procedure Code under which this Crown Side appeal was preferred from the Criminal Sessions of the High Court with various other sections of the same Code and with the corresponding provisions in the English Criminal Appeal Act of 1907 on which it was based. Their Lordships laid down that though the new section 411-A gave the widest powers to the Appeal Court, it had not abrogated one of the elementary principles which must guide every appellate court—that when dealing with Jury verdicts or even with the findings of a Magistrate, the Appellate Court will not substitute its own appreciation of evidence for that of the trial court unless there are facts clearly inconsistent with such appreciation. Their Lordships pointed out that that was the rule of practice under the equally wide powers under section 307 of the Code (34 Bom. L.R. 898). Their Lordships therefore held that the appeal failed.

Mr. Vinayak G. Mohile appeared for the accused-appellants.

HOLIDAYS FOR RATIONING OFFICES

All the Ward Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District will remain closed on December 25 and 27 on account of Christmas and Mohurrum holidays and will remain open on December 26 from 9 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. The Permit Office in the Office of the Controller of Rationing will be closed on December 25 and 26 but will remain open on December 27. Dealers who are required to submit their indents for supplies on December 25 and 26 should submit them on December 23 and 27 respectively.



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Hightide: 4-48, 17-01
Lowtide: 11-10, 22-44

To-day's Engagements

SILVERFISH: Mr. Sajjad Zaheer will speak on "Modern Urdu Literature" today (Thursday) at 6-15 p m (for members and their guests).

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: H. E. The Governor will be opening the Rotary Club Services Canteen at Victoria Terminus Station today (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m.

YOUTH PHYSICAL CULTURE INSTITUTE: The Annual General meeting today (Thursday) at 6-30 p m in the Hall, Opposite the West End Cinema, Lamington Road, Bombay.

ROCHDALE PIONEERS' CENTENARY CELEBRATION today (Thursday) at 6-30 p m at the K S A Hall, Talmakiwadi, Tardeo, Bombay.
Sir J A Madan, will preside

DR. DHALLA'S LECTURE: On "Zarathushtrian Mystic Religion" at Sir C J. Hall, today (Thursday) at 6-15 p m. Mr P. N. Mehta will preside.

RAHBAR MOHARRUM SERIES: Begum Razia Sajjad will speak on 'Creche' at 5-30 p m at Municipal Marathi Central Schools near Nappoo Baug, Derby Talkies and Prof S A Raut on 'Education under the Moghul Kings' at 6-30 p m today (Thursday).

INDIAN CENTRAL COTTON COMMITTEE: The First All-India Cotton Forecast 1944-45 estimates will be exhibited in the Cotton Exchange (in the office of the East India Cotton Association Ltd., and in the Trading Hall of the Association), Marwari Bazar, Bombay, and in the Cotton Green Building of the Association, Sewri, Bombay, at 3 p m (S T) today (Thursday).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Bldg., "Beginners" Classs for Ladies, 5 p m today (Thursday)

TEXTILE ASSOCIATION (INDIA): A public lecture today (Thursday) at 7 p m, at Podar College of Commerce, Matunga, when Mr. B B Joshi, L T M Hons.), Additional Controller, Raw Materials and Store (Cotton Textiles), Government of India, Bombay, will speak on "the points arising out of the Report of the U. K. Textile Mission to America during March-April, 1944, affecting the present methods of Indian Cotton Textile Production and how for suggestions made in this report are helpful to increase Cotton Yarn and Cloth Production with particular reference to existing Plant Equipment and Labour".

LADIES KERALA RELIEF VARIETY PROCEEDS

The Ladies' Kerala Relief Committee, which organised the grand Variety Entertainment that was held at the Sunderabai Hall, on 9th instant collected in all Rs. 5,358 through sale of tickets and an additional sum of Rs. 619 by way of donations. The expenses for the Entertainment came to Rs. 347/7 leaving a balance of Rs. 5,633-9 for the relief of the distressed in Malabar.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: There will be no meeting of the Corporation "till the 8th January 1945" unless exigencies of business require a meeting to be called in the meanwhile.

GUJARATI ELOCUTION COMPETITION
A Gujarati Elocution Competition for the Bombay College Students is arranged under the auspices of Pravatti Sangh today (Thursday) at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, at 6 p m Sjt. K M Munshi will preside.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH, BOMBAY PROVINCIAL BOARD: Trip for 25 students for Matheran for 3 days from 25th to 27th instant (both days inclusive.

ANTI-UNTOUCHABILITY CONFERENCE: On the occasion of 69th Bombay Arya Samaj anniversary an Anti-untouchability conference will be held in Chowpatty Bridge pandal specially erected for the purpose today (Thursday) at 6-30 p m when Mr K M Munshi will preside.

BANK OF INDIA BRANCH AT PALANPUR
A branch of the Bank of India was opened on Monday at Palanpur at the hands of His Highness the Nawab Saheb. Mr. Clarke represented the Bank of India on the occasion.

SHREE KANDIVLEE VYAYAM MANDIR
The All-Kandivlee first Open Sports organised by the Shri Kandivlee Vyayam Mandir will be held on Sunday Dec. 24 at 3-30 p m and on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 3 p.m.

SUSPENDED RAILWAY SERVICE OF B. B. C. I. RLY.
The General Manager of the B. B. and C. I. Railway raised hopes of the resumption of suspended train services by the end of the year, some time ago at the Press Conference he convened. The Passengers and Traffic Relief Association put themselves into touch with the Railway authorities here to ascertain when and what services would be resumed. They regret however to announce that there is no near prospect of the resumption, partial or otherwise, of the suspended services. The reason given out is that the coal situation has not improved in a manner that would warrant the restoration of the suspended train services.

VENKATARAMANI IN BOMBAY
MR. K. S. VENKATARAMANI: The well-known author returned to Bombay from Katniawar and will be here for a week before returning to Madras.

Lakh Scheme For Adivasis

(From Our Correspondent).
DAHANU, Dec. 20.

The Adiwasi Sewa Sangh will conduct an hospital, dispensary and school on Wardha lines for the benefit of Adiwasis in Thana District at Maswan, Palghar Taluka. Government has granted 40 acres of land free to the Sangh. The scheme costing one lakh has been chalked out by Mr. B. G. Kher and colleagues.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News. (E). 8-30 Gokulibai Kakodkar. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Mandakini Gadre. 9-30 Hindustani Songs. 9-45 Bhavgeet.

12-30 p.m. Bhajan. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Filmi Songs. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Lunch Music. 4-20 School Broadcast. 5-0 S. M. Deshpande. 5-15 C. A. Shete: Violin. 5-30 Madhavrao Tarabadkar. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (H). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary. 6-50 Film Music. 7-0 Economic Aspects of Japanese Rule (G). 7-15 S. M. Deshpande. 7-30 C. A. Shete: Violin. 7-45 Mandakini Gadre. 8-0 Madhavrao Tarabadkar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News. (G). 8-45 Topical Talk. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 What Shall I Read. 10-0 Shanti Seldon: Pianoforte. 10-15 Songs of John Ireland. 10-25 Interlude. 10-30 Raghbir Singh: Clarionet. 10-40 Serge Koussevitzky and Boston Symphony Orchestra.

INDIAN CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

The Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association held its annual general meeting at its head office in



Dr. K. A. Hamied, who has been elected President of the Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association

Calcutta during the first week of December. Dr. K. A. Hamied was unanimously elected President of the Association for the year 1944-45. The Chemical Association is an all-India body consisting of chemical and pharmaceutical firms from every part of India. It is one of the biggest organisations controlling chemical industry and is doing considerable work for improvement and development of the industry. The Association has very important role to perform in the post-war development of chemical industry which would form the back-bone of other industrial developments. The Association has decided to start a joint Research Laboratory for the chemical industry for which members of the Association are expected to donate a sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- during the current year.

A chemical conference was held in Calcutta under the auspices of the Chemical Manufacturers' Association which was presided over by Mr. N. R. Sarker. The conference unanimously resolved that the industry should co-operate with Universities and other technical Institutions by creating fellowships for industrial research.

It has been decided that the Indian Chemical Manufacturers' Association should immediately open regional branches in Bombay, Delhi and Madras.

Bombay Steam Declare Rs. 20 And Rs. 15 As Dividends

The 39th Ordinary General Meeting of the Bombay Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. was held on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at "Scindia House", Ballard Estate, Bombay.

After the Notice convening the meeting was read, the meeting passed resolutions sanctioning the declaration of Dividend of Rs. 20/- on Ordinary Shares Free of Income-tax and Rs. 15/- on Preference Shares less Income-tax and re-electing Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarjee, Dr. S. D. Kias and Mr. M. A. Master as Directors of the Company, and confirming the appointment of Mr. M. D. Raote as a Director of the Company, and electing Auditors for the ensuing year.

After the Meeting was over, Mr. M. R. Bharucha and Mr. N. Ghael asked for information about the recent issue of Debentures of the Company. After Mr. M. A. Master had explained the position in this regard, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company was held to make certain changes in the Articles of Association of the Company, and the changes were adopted unanimously.

Maharashtra Nationalist Christian Party

A Meeting of Christians of Maharashtra in Bombay was held on Sunday at Kattekar Club Hall, Lamington Road, and formed the above party, Mr. P. J. Vaz presiding. The meeting passed a number of resolutions, important of them, the meeting expressed complete confidence in Mahatma Gandhi's leadership, requested Government to release National Leaders unconditionally, to give effect to Mahatma Gandhi's constructive programme, requested Government to form National Government at the Centre.

The following Managing Committee was elected:—

President: Mr. P. J. Vaz; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. M. Baretr. S. X. Andrade; Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Pinto; Jt. Secretaries: Mr. L. S. Nerurkar and Mr. M. A. D'Souza; Treasurer: L. A. D'Souza: Members: Messrs. L. Almeida; S. G. Dantas; C. B. D'Souza; B. A. Pinto; A. J. Fernandez; S. J. D'Souza; A. Rodricks; and J. B. Fernandez.

Karnatak Unification Conference

The Honorary General Secretary of the Karnatak Unification Conference writes:—

The 9th session of the Karnatak Unification Conference will be held at Dharwar on 25th and 26th instant. Mr. B. Sambamurty, Speaker of Madras Legislative Assembly, has accepted the invitation to inaugurate the Conference and Mr. K. B. Jinaraj Hegde, M.L.A. (Central), of Mangalore, will preside over the session. Mr. S. S. Malimath has been elected Chairman of the Reception Committee and Messrs. M. Govardhanrao, D. V. Chittal and S. M. Hunshal are the Secretaries of the Conference.

Motor Vehicles Tax

The third quarter of the financial year 1944-45 of the Motor vehicles tax ends on December 31. Owners of motor vehicles residing in Bombay Region who have paid the tax up to December 31 should remit now to the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Departments, further tax for the last quarter of the financial year 1944-45, so that it may be credited on or before January 15, 1945.

The 15 days' grace does not apply to extra-provisional or State registration marks. The tax due for such vehicles should be paid on or before the expiry of the tax token issued to them and, in the case of new arrivals, a report of arrival should be submitted to the nearest Registering Authority within seven days of the date of entering the Province. Non-use intimation should be sent so as to reach the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department not later than December 31.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. President Roosevelt has returned from a three weeks' holiday.

76-FEET WHALE WASHED ASHORE ON MAHI BANK

BARODA, Dec. 19: A gigantic whale about 76 feet long has been washed ashore in the Dabka village on the bank of the river Mahi. Hundreds of people are going to the place to have a look at the sea monster. Attempts are being made to secure the skeleton of the whale for the Baroda State Museum.

Mr. V. L. Devkar of the State Museum said in a Press interview that the stranding of whales in the Mahi river was a rare phenomenon. So far only one instance of the kind was recorded in 1919 when a huge whale about 71 feet long was washed ashore near the village of Tithor about five miles down the river from Dabka.—United Press.

SUB-JUDGE EXAMINED IN KHUHRO CASE

SUKKUR, Dec. 19: The Sub-Judge of Sukkur, Mr. Parsram Karna who had recorded the statement of Faiz Muhammad Khuhro, a prosecution witness who, according to the Crown Counsel, had turned hostile, was examined to-day in the case against Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother and three others.

In his evidence witness said that at the time of recording statements only he and the deponent were in the room.

The statements were recorded in his Chamber because he could not stop people from coming in an open Court. And if the people heard the statements they might go out and tom-tom and spoil the investigations.—A. P.

PLAY IN AID OF HARIJAN HOSTEL

A Marathi play, "Mazi Jamin", was staged in the Damodar Thakkarsi Hall, on Sunday in aid of the Depressed Class Students' Hostel, Chiplun. Sir Jehangir Bomon Beheram, who presided, eulogised the performance of various prominent actors and expressed his pleasure that the Depressed Classes were resorting to self-help to bring about their own amelioration. He hoped that the community would stand united in helping such an educational institution.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A written word is the choicest of relics.

—H. D. Thoreau.

The Bombay Chronicle

LOCATING INDUSTRIES

In a memorandum on the location of industries in India, for consideration by the Policy Committee, the Economic Adviser to the Government of India has referred to the unbalanced economy of this country, which, it does not appear likely, would be cured by the lines he suggests. Lack of balance in Indian national economy is due, not only to the overwhelming dependance of the largest proportion of India's population upon agriculture but also to the uneven distribution of such industries as there are in the country. Modern mechanised industry is, relatively speaking, a new growth in this country; and the forces which have brought about its establishment have so shaped events as to lead inevitably to concentration. According to this memorandum, while the total number of factory workers in India is less than 1 per cent of the total population more than half of this very small number (52 per cent) is concentrated in the two provinces of Bombay and Bengal. This is not due to any lack of resources in the shape of minerals, raw materials, or labour supply or even of capital needed for establishing such industries. The writer of the memorandum does not analyse or explain the reasons of such concentration; but the economic history of India shows that foreign enterprise, which made the beginnings of industry in this country, naturally located itself at the two main ports of India Calcutta and Bombay, where it could obtain the greatest measure of security as well as facilities. As, moreover, the new mechanised transport system of the country in the last century was laid out in such a manner as to concentrate traffic mostly to and from these centres, the congregation of modern large-scale industry in these two provinces became inevitable. Indian enterprise when it developed, followed in the same lines which offered convenience as well as a guarantee of success. Private enterprise seeking individual profit could not do otherwise.

The problem, however, of diffusing industries throughout the country, as a means to rectify economic balance and also cure the incredible poverty of the masses, is not a matter of individual enterprise seeking the most profitable venue for its own success. There are social, economic and political considerations involved at which the memorandum hardly even glances. Its author mentions, indeed, the growth of towns, where modern large-scale industry has created all the consequent problems of slums, disease, congestion, accidents and a general deterioration in the all-round physical and mental health of the people. The growth of industry, however, must necessarily mean increase in urbanisation, which need not necessarily be accompanied by all these undesirable features. The lessons of industrialisation in the west would have been all in vain, if the growth of new industries in this country were not organised so as to avoid or minimise these evils. Industrialisation, moreover, in the sense of establishing new industrial units has to be considered with due regard to the availability of raw materials, fuel or power supply, facilities for transport, proximity of adequate markets, and even supply of capital or credit, to all of which hardly any reference is made in this memorandum. When the National Planning Committee considered the same problem, these points were specifically kept in view. Unless the utmost possible regard is paid to the fullest utilisation of available raw materials and labour supply of every unit of the country, the problem stated in the memorandum will be far from solved.

Here is a political aspect of the matter which is conspicuous by its absence in the memorandum. Inter-provincial jealousies have already been at work in India for a long time past and if industrial concentration takes place without due regard to the inherent possibilities of raw materials and labour supply in the different provinces there is every reason to fear that such inter-province jealousies will be unnecessarily accentuated. Even if any province may be lacking in the necessary enterprise or capital and credit facilities it must be the duty of the National Government to see to it that lack of such facilities does not prevent the full development of the inherent resources of any unit. The memorandum, however, takes the view "that in a country like India, it will be extremely dangerous for the State to arrogate to itself the right to determine the location of new undertakings." This view may, perhaps, be inevitable for the foreign Government in power in this country. But if and when a truly national Government comes to power it cannot possibly divest itself of this responsibility. It must organise the distribution of industries in the country with due regard to all the material economic factors mentioned above. There is also another factor of a politico-military importance, which the memorandum under notice does not even mention. The possibility of attack from air on industrial establishments cannot now be ignored. It would make the ports and provinces of Bombay and Bengal much less suitable than hitherto for locating important industries. China has had, in the course of this war, to move her industries bodily into the interior. Whether or not after this war we have good ground for apprehending aerial aggression the question of locating our vital industries in spots vulnerable from air or from sea should not escape the attention of the national planning authority making long-term plans for an all-round industrialisation of the country.

Indians In U. S. A.

It is learnt that the bill which Senator William Langor introduced in the U. S. Senate some time ago to permit the naturalisation of Indians as permanently resident in the States and the relaxation of the restrictions on the immigration of Indians, has not yet been reported to the full committee by the Senate immigration sub-committee. Interviewed on the subject Senator Langor has stated that he does not know why the bill has not been reported and he anticipates little likelihood of any action being taken in the matter in the near future. This is highly regrettable, the more so in view of the sympathy readily shown by the legislature as well as the Government of the United States in regard to the relaxation of the restrictions on Chinese immigration. The lukewarmness of the interest shown by the American Government and legislature in the case of Indians need cause no surprise, since the public of this country have yet to know whether their Government which Lord Wavell would like the world to believe is a "national government" has exhibited any active concern for the status of India's nationals in the States and strongly pressed for the relaxation of the restrictions on their immigration. Nor is there any indication that the British Government, which maintains an extensive machinery of propaganda in the States, besides its Ambassador and trade agents, has pleaded with the American Government for better treatment of Indian nationals. Such an expectation is perhaps unnatural, when within the "British Commonwealth and Empire" itself the treatment of Indians at the hands of Britishers is what it is.

Smuts' Dilemma

By his failure squarely to face the issue in regard to the position of Indians in the South African Union Marshal Smuts has placed himself and his Government on the horns of an unenviable dilemma. His refusal, to veto the Anti-Pegging Act and recommendation for reservation of the Governor-General's consent to the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance alone but not to the other two Ordinances which have been equally strongly objected to by Indians, have failed to placate the latter. On the other hand, the fresh lease of life he has given to the Broome Commission and his failure to agree to the enforcement of the Residential Property Regulation Ordinance, have given umbrage to the Whites. While Indians have decided to boycott the Broome Commission because the Union Government has not gone far enough to meet their demands, the Whites of Natal threaten to boycott it on the ground that the Government has gone too far in its concessions to Indians! If Marshal Smuts and his Government find themselves 'between the devil and the deep sea' in this matter they have to thank themselves for their lack of true statesmanship. They have been merely postponing the 'evil day', instead of seriously trying to find out a permanent solution of the problem.

Frankly Speaking

A Minor Sensation

President Roosevelt's apparent bombshell dropped at that poor, ill-fated unhonoured Atlantic Charter constitutes a minor sensation in so far as the world is now told that nobody had ever signed it and there was no copy of it. But it has little material significance for two reasons. The document is there duly "scribbled with corrections." And even though it might not be strictly "formal", it was quite formally and officially announced to the world as the Atlantic Charter and it was equally formally and officially "adhered to" by all the United Nations. Secondly, whether an informal covenant or a formal treaty, nobody cares for it now. The Atlantic Charter lost its sanctity long ago.

The German Offensive

Operations in the American First Army front against which the Germans have launched their big counter-offensive are still shrouded in what is called "security silence", which means that the situation still remains fluid and tense. Correspondents, however, have been giving some rerports of the progress of the fighting, reports which suggest that counter-action by General Hodges has been successful. These reports being, in view of the official blackout, more or less circumstantial and perhaps containing some element of wishful thinking, should be treated, not necessarily as incorrect, but with reserve. It should not, however, be surprising at all, if the Americans have in actual fact rallied sufficiently to check the momentum of Rundstedt's drive. What is certain is that it is time for Rundstedt's to be stopped effectively and completely otherwise Eisenhower will be confronted with serious developments.

Fish And Fowl

Mr. Stettinius, the Secretary of State, has responded to Mr. Churchill's call that the United States should do or say something about the Polish question. He has said something, but, unfortunately, it does not help much. After uttering platitudes about joint work to establish a world security organisation for preserving general security, to which no one can or does object, Mr. Stettinius defines United States' attitude to the Russo-Polish conflict in language which presents that attitude as both fish and fowl. The United States policy, according to Mr. Stettinius, is "that the question relating to boundaries should be left in abeyance until the termination of the war." But at the same time the United States, in the terms of the statement, virtually pre-judges the whole issue and repudiates the ground of the Polish stand when it says that it "endorses the change of frontiers in Poland subject to certain conditions." And then, having said that, President Roosevelt comes forward further to elucidate American attitude but only to make it more confusing. He does not say that the description of that policy as "United States supports partition of Poland" is wrong but he prefers "United States Backs Poland". The two are mutually contradictory.

M. P.'s Deputation

According to Reuter's political correspondent in London, it is probable that an all-party deputation of members of Parliament to India will be arranged. The adoption by the Labour Party Conference of the resolution—or rather, resolutions, for there were two, one sponsored by the executive of the Party and the other carried in defiance of the executive—on Indian self-government is understood to have given a stimulus to the idea of such a deputation. Reuter's correspondent tells us that this deputation has been discussed for some time in political circles "as a reflection of the general desire to assist in the realisation of Indian aspirations." It is extremely doubtful whether any useful purpose can be served by the visit to this country of any deputation of M.P.'s, even if it includes representative of all British parties, if the scope for the free discussion of the problems vexing political India is to be restricted as at present. So long as the leaders of the largest and most influential political organisation in the country are prevented from participating in the discussions, no earthly benefit can accrue from the visit of any M.P.'s, however sympathetic they may be and eager to assist in ending the present deadlock in the country. If the M.P.'s—or the Parties, which would depute them—are sincere in their professions of sympathy, they should first demand of the British Government the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Labour Party Conference, particularly the one relating to the release of the Indian leaders. If they have not either the courage or will to do so, they had better drop the idea of the deputation, for India has had enough of lip-deep sympathy.

Indian Troops In Greece

The employment of British troops to fight the Greek partisans is bad enough in all conscience, but the reports now coming that there are Indian troops as well in the peninsula who have come into clash with the EAM and ELAS soldiery have caused a good deal uneasiness in the minds of the Indian public. The people of this country would not like Indian troops to get involved in the fatricidal fighting in Greece. Even the American troops, it may be noted, have been ordered to stand by and not join their British comrades in this fighting.

Konkan Education Society

Several education Societies in Maharashtra, Karnatak and Gujarat have relieved the Government of their responsibilities to the people in respect of provision of secondary and higher education. A society like the Deccan Education Society is, indeed, discharging the functions which universities in several centres do. Another such society doing commendable work is the Konkan Education Society which is running no less than 12 institutions for boys and girls, including five full High Schools. The work of the Society is at present confined to Kolaba District, but it is the intention of its workers to start a High School in Bombay at no distant date. There is already provision for teaching carpentry, printing and weaving in the Society's High Schools at Alibag and Panvel and the Society desires to give a military bias to its Mahad High School and a marine bias to its Revdanda High School. The society has completed 25 years of useful and the Silver Jubilee Celebration has just been held at Roha under the presidentship of Dr. Sir Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor Benares Hindu University. We wish the society a long career of useful educational service and we hope the extension of its activities will not be hampered by want of funds.

Our Readers' Views

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Some days back, I read in papers, Dr. Jivraj Mehta's speech at Madras, complaining of 'costly' injection treatment prescribed by medical practitioners in villages, and suggesting researches in Ayurved.

In my opinion, the present deplorable state of medical relief in villages and consequent unwillingness of medical practitioners to settle down in villages, is the natural and unavoidable result of dumping medical men with costly careers and highly technical (when compared to the surroundings in which they have to work) knowledge, in the villages.

These medical men, who have spent much money and time on their medical education, are entire misfits in the village surroundings. No one can blame them for giving costly treatment, as they themselves have paid heavily for their medical education and naturally expect a return for it and they also cannot allow their up-to-date knowledge to rust.

This state of things is beneficial to neither party—the medical practitioner and his village.

The contemplated raising of the Minimum Medical Standard by the abolition of medical schools and making M.B.B.S. the minimum medical qualification, will surely aggravate this existing state of affairs, besides taking the medical career out of the hands of the middle and poor classes.

In my opinion, the minimum standard of medical education should be lowered so as to suit the Indian villages, and not raised.

There should be a Medical School in each district,—or at least one for two or three districts—where, after Matriculation, three years' course is given in clinical and therapeutic allopathy, Ayurved, Unani, Homoeopathy, etc.,—systems which will suit the pockets of the poor villagers. This will also cheapen the medical education so as to bring it within the reach of the poorer public.

It will also result in creating medical men with cheap careers and basic non-technical knowledge who can afford to give cheap treatment to the poor villagers, who in their turn, will derive the full benefit of the medical relief given to them.

In fact, there should be a regular graded medical relief system: These minimum-qualified medicoes in villages, who direct anything beyond them to taluka towns with their medical graduates, who, in their turn, direct whatever beyond them to the District towns with their well-equipped hospitals and medical specialists.

There are some such scattered schools in the Presidency,—I know of two in Poona—but as they are not officially sponsored the number they turn out is negligible.

Of course, the increase in the number of Medical Colleges in the Presidency,—especially their advent in secondary presidency towns like Poona and Ahmedabad—is greatly welcome for the people who can afford a costly and highly technical career and that part of urban public who can afford 'costly' treatment.

D. V. NADKARNI.

Poona.

"Small Mills And Cotton Prices"

In your esteemed paper dated 10-10-44 Mr. S. Lopez, Weaving Master has struck a timely note by showing how a further reduction in cotton cloth prices would prove detrimental particularly to small cotton mills and cotton cultivators. In spite of this, if at all any further move for reduction is to come, there are many factors other than those mentioned by Mr. Lopez which the Textile Control Board ought to take into consideration, particularly for the small unit mills not situated in textile centres. Shortage and inefficiency of labourers, irregular attendance, octroi and town duties, scarcity of machinery and machine parts, transport difficulties and the Cotton policy of Government with regard Foreign Cotton etc., are a few examples of extra burdens which weigh heavily on the finances and affect considerably the margin of profit.

K. N. BHIDE.

Poona's Roads

The ups and downs on the Poona roads are even worse than the ups and downs of life itself! Recently a lady who was in an advanced state of pregnancy, who hazarded a ride on one of the antediluvian tongas for which Poona is famous—was delivered of a child before she reached the hospital gates, which was her destination, due to the atrocious unevenness of the Poona roads. Lest this might look like the fantastic concoction of an over-imaginative brain, I draw your attention to the vernacular papers of Poona of last month which reported the incident.

The bus service in Poona is as bad as it could possibly be! The concern which holds the monopoly for running buses on the Poona roads is owned by some of Poona's City Fathers. It is enough to say that the buses are on a par with the roads!

What with bad roads, bad buses and pre-historic tongas, the woes and sufferings of the citizens and visitors are a little too much for flesh and blood to bear!

Will the City Fathers, famous for their age-long somnolence, wake up? They have slept enough!

G. A. SION.

Bombay's Suburbs

Recently the Government of India have been pleased to allow a separate allowance called house allowance to people in Bombay suburbs like the one their employees are at present getting in Delhi and Calcutta. Those working in Government service, though not all, are of the opinion that the question of territorial jurisdiction (the limits of Bombay suburbs being included upto Ghatkopar on the G. I. P. Railway, and Andheri on the B. B. and C. I. Railway) is not satisfactorily dealt with. The present jurisdiction has been based on a very old Government of India notification dated somewhere 1924. After the lapse of 20 years a radical change has taken place in the meaning of the term 'Suburbs'. will the Government note this fact and see that those who deserve are not be debarred from the allowance which is legitimately due to them. for the simple reason that the localities, in which they stay do not come within the purview of the term 'Bombay and its suburbs' as interpreted by the authorities.

J. NILKANTAN.

Nationalisation Of Insurance

In page 3 of the issue of Dec. 8 of your paper under the head 'Future of Insurance in India' you have mentioned that in my talk before the Insurance Society of Bombay I had suggested nationalisation of insurance business. I shall feel grateful if you will kindly publish this letter in elucidation of what I am reported to have said in the course of the above talk.

I confined myself to the problems of the immediate future and suggested the setting up of a National Investment Board, services to the policyholders and elimination of undesirable competition among companies and discussed the arguments for and against nationalisation as it is a point raised in recent Central Assembly debates, as a matter of great significance in the immediate post-war period.

I am 'not' for immediate nationalisation but indicated that such a step may be considered only as a later stage after the essential preliminaries had been achieved. In the first place, the political conditions must be different before nationalisation of insurance can be seriously considered and a national Government must be set up. Secondly, the primary industries claim prior consideration and only after they have been nationalised can we consider nationalisation of insurance which is essentially a service subsidiary to the consumption and distribution industries.

N. V NAYUDU.

PATRIOTISM OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE

By N. Tikhonov, Well-known Soviet Writer and Chairman of the Union of Soviet Writers

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE "BOMBAY CHRONICLE"

MOSCOW, Dec. 20

A few weeks following their unexpected, treacherous attack on the Soviet Union, the Fascist invaders announced that the Red Army no longer existed, that the Soviet Air Force was destroyed and that German occupation of Leningrad was a question of the next few days, and that Moscow, too, would be taken soon.

They built their plans on the assumption that the Soviet Union would disintegrate, that peoples inhabiting it would rise against each other. Fascist ringleaders regarded the question of world conquest as settled—all that was left was to land troops in Britain and there would no longer be any difficulties, they thought, in the way of ther march to India through the Caucasus.

However wild it may all seem, precisely such delirious plans were built by the blind leaders of Fascist Germany. A short time elapsed and what do we see? The enemy has been driven from Soviet territory. His flunkeys and partners in brigandage have abandoned the Fascist ring-leader and peoples forced to accompany him on this campaign of world plunder have declared war on him. War has come to his own lair.

STRONGHOLD OF LIBERATION

What happened? Just what was to be expected. The strength of Fascist hordes was smashed against the might of the Soviet Union, against its heroic resistance. As a result, the offensive of the Red Army and its uninterrupted blows, unprecedented for their swiftness and strength Fascist hordes were crushed and the Red Army is now driving towards the heart of Fascist Germany so as conjointly with armies of the United Nations, to put an end to the horrible nightmare which oppressed Europe for so long a time and menaced the whole world. Were it not for the heroic resistance of the Soviet people, the German columns would have been marching across Hindu Kush and along the Khaiber Pass in an effort to penetrate regions from Kashmir and the Punjab to Bengal. The danger of Fascist invasion was felt also by the people of Iran and far-off India. Was it not in vain that in his ode dedicated to the Soviet Union the Indian poet, Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, wrote: "It is to thee, Oh, Soviet Union that we owe this inspiring strength for thou hast stood through this war as stronghold of liberation."

The Soviet Union is a great country by virtue of its vast territory, its history and its ideals. There is not a country which has greater confidence in its strength and in its future. The patriotism of the Soviet people is the direct outgrowth of their historically-formed moral principles which attained their highest development and special force under the Soviet system, a system which is wise, just and beneficial for man. The strength of Soviet patriotism before the war moulded heroes of peaceful labour who devoted all their abilities to making the life of the people of the Soviet country better and more prosperous. They have succeeded in this: Deserts blossomed forth with verdure, railways have been laid in places formerly penetrated only by caravans, cities appeared and primeval taiga, sea routes have been opened through icy expanses of the Arctic, old cities have grown in size and beauty.

UNITED ARMED CAMP

War came and all nationalities, all peoples of the Soviet Union formed a united armed camp, animated by the burning desire for vengeance. The strength of Soviet patriotism which consists in that it is free from every semblance of racial prejudice demonstrated to the whole world the unity of the fraternal family of peoples. Both in heroic labour in the rear and in valiant exploits at the front you will find numerous examples of this unity, this fighting friendship, this beautiful love.

Under the Soviet system all the smallest nationalities and peoples received the greatest possibilities for development. Under any other system they would have withered away, vanished or, at best, remained at the same low level. They are now living and growing; they have their own art, literature, language, their own national customs. Furthermore they have received such possibilities for bettering their life that they have not fear of the future. They are free from this concern. That is why during the present great war, the Uzbek working in cotton fields, the Kazakh shepherding his herds on the slopes of his native mountains, the Georgian picking tea leaves, the Siberian harvesting the grain wealth of his marvellous country, the metal worker of Urals, Volga fisherman, Ukrainian collective farmer, regardless of their nationality, know they are working for the happiness of the people and for victory over the detested enemy.

The same feeling unites Bashkirians and Armenians, Russians and Belorussians, Moldavians and people of the far north, serving in ranks of the Soviet army. Both on land and in the air, sons of the Soviet people are fighting jointly to smash the enemy. Georgian armsmen's worker Shoboldaze, Ukrainian airmen Kravchenko and Gordienko, Russian falcons Vorontsov and Znarikov, are serving in one squadron. This fraternal unity in battle for the country may be observed everywhere.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

Soviet patriotism works miracles: in incredibly short time new gigantic enterprises of metal industry have been built, new tracts of land ploughed, new canals laid. By day and by night, the Soviet people may be seen at their machines everywhere. Work is in progress for the front. Incalculable and tremendous sums have bepen raised as a result voluntary contributions to the Defence Fund. Hundreds of thousands donors are giving their blood. War orphans whose parents have been murdered by the Fascists are being adopted and surrounded with special care. There is no labour that the simple, modest Soviet people find too hard for happiness of their country, and for victory over the enemy. At the front they are displaying miracles of endurance, daring and military skill. It is now clear to the whole world that the strategy of the Marshal Stalin and of the Marshals of his school has defeated the strategy of German academic generals who boasted of their invincibility. The fighting qualities of the Soviet soldier have been proved far superior to those of lauded Prussian and other grenadiers.

Soviet people have triumphed over blind and heartless robots of Fascism. Having freed their motherland, Soviet patriots are now fighting for liberation of the peoples of Europe from Fascist yoke. And they will fight to the end until the Fascist beast perishes in his own lair surrounded by universal contempt and hatred. This victory has become possible because there is in this world patriotism of the Soviet people and of its great Red Army.

Physical Efficiency League

Sardar Prithvising writes:—

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P.S.: For the convenience of the candidates, we have made it optional either (1) Cycling 12 miles in 1 hour; or (2) 2 miles running in 16 minutes.

(Entry fee may be sent by Post to, Sardar Prithvising, 94 A. Kurla Road, Andheri, Bombay.)

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Confronted with the conflicting headlines in newspapers on the statement by the Secretary of State, Mr. Edward Stettinius, regarding the Polish question President Roosevelt said that he preferred the Washington "Star" to the Washington "Times Herald." The "Star's" headline was: "United States backs Poland" and the other paper said, "United States supports the partition of Poland."

—Washington Report.

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Lord Templewood (our old friend, Sir Samuel Hoare) has marked his return to politics with the urgent plea that "every European citizen should be ensured certain fundamental rights and liberties without which European civilisation could not continue."

These rights and liberties, of course, include the right and liberty of a European citizen to save his Government and country to enslave and exploit every Asiatic and African citizen in order to sustain and nourish "European civilisation."

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President Roosevelt has announced that nobody had ever signed the Atlantic Charter and there was no copy of it.

We congratulate Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill, etc., on their capacity for fun. They have perpetrated on the world one of the greatest hoaxes of history and sustained it with complete success for nearly four years without anyone being able to discover it.

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As a matter of fact, it is the greatest hoax of the present century.

But it has brought us, in India disappointment, too: It has robbed India of what was so far undoubtedly a unique distinction of this country. And our patriotic pride is hurt.

You see, President Roosevelt has stolen the palm that hitherto belonged, to the historic Sikander-Jinnah Pact.

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President Roosevelt says that the now nearly fictitious Atlantic Charter was nothing more than a scrap of paper, sorry, "a document scribbled with corrections by Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles and Sir Alexander Cadogan" . . . "and that no copy was kept of it."

The next in the series of Presidential revelations would be that what the world possessed and knew as the Atlantic Charter was not a correct copy but only an alleged one of the Charter.

And the series will continue in the future extending also beyond the Atlantic Charter.

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"And had the deceased any financial worries?" asked the coroner.

"None at all," replied the witness. "He was bankrupt."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Experience either brings old age or is brought by it.

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Auctioneers are always of a morbid disposition.

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Few persons have courage enough to seem as good as they really are.

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Lots of married men who have no knowledge of music play second fiddle.

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Some women who see things as they are, drive their husbands to seeing them double.

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Science says that the common housefly can make 600 strokes with its wings in a second, but the pesky thing never does it when it has a chance to loaf around on a man's bald spot.

Dange Exhorts Demonstrators At Trafalgar Square On Need For Freedom To India

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The appearance of Mr. S. A. Dange, President of the All-India T. U. C., on the plinth of the Nelson Column at Trafalgar Square at Sunday's "Hands Off Greece" demonstration revived the memories of another Indian, the late Mr. Shapurji Saklatvala, who used to be a familiar figure at Trafalgar Square, championing the cause of the Working Class. As effective as Saklatvala in his speech, Mr. Dange brought home to an audience of 20,000 strong the imperative necessity of complete national freedom for India.

He proved the fallacy of the argument that the British action in Greece was necessary for guarding the Mediterranean by asking, "Guarding the Mediterranean for what?" The reply was: "Guarding the Mediterranean for the safety of India."

Mr. Dange further pointed out that if India was given complete freedom she, with her millions of anti-Fascists, would guard and defend the Mediterranean against aggression from any quarter. She would be a permanent source in making other nations democratic, law-abiding and peace-loving, he added.

I. P. T. A. Expects Fraternal Delegates From Other Provinces

Sjt. Jeshwant Thakkar, Secretary of the I.P.T.A. writes:

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Sjt. Chandravadan Mehta, Mama Warerkar and Prithviraj Kapoor have accepted the invitation of the Peoples Theatre to preside over the Conference to be held in Bombay from January 4th to 9th January at the C. J. Hall.

Fraternal delegation from all over India is coming to Bombay to attend the Conference and to participate in the work of the Peoples Theatre. Indore will be represented by Shyamu Sanasi; three delegates from Andhra, Ten from Bengal, five from Malbar, three from Delhi, three from U. P. have already informed the I.P.T.A. office of their dates of arrival.

Messages have been received from writers and artists all over the country.

Membership of the Reception Committee will be closed on 28th December. Only the members of the Reception Committee and the Delegates will be allowed to attend the Conference as there is a limited accommodation.

All Primary members will be the delegates of the Conference. Membership enrollment will be stopped also on 28th December. Any citizen can be-

IN INDIAN ISSUE WHOLE QUESTION OF FREEDOM IS AT STAKE

If Promises Are Constantly Broken How Can One Believe Those That Make Them, Asks Mrs. Pandit

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit, sister of Jawaharlal Nehru, declared in an interview with the "New York Post" today: "The desire for independence in India is not the result of the work of any political party or any super-imposed propaganda. It is the natural result of world conditions. Gandhi did not create the desire for independence. If only people would realize that India's desire for independence is more than a matter of merely wishing to become a 'nation.' What's actually at stake is the whole question of freedom itself."

Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit added: "Only such a man as Pt. Nehru, who stood up against Fascism long before the British, can offer a solution either for the conditions in India or for the world at large. If the Four Freedoms are to have any meaning at all, certainly they must have a meaning for those who are supposed to fight for them.

'India after all represents one-fifth of the human race. If promises are constantly broken, how can one believe in those who make the promises?

BR. DOMINATION MUST GO

I am not here to propagandise. India's case needs no cheap propaganda. I am not here to answer cheap propaganda with cheap propaganda. To those who say that 'differences' in India among the various sections must be wiped out before we deserve independence, I can only reply that whatever differences there may be cannot be ironed out until the English domination is removed. At first the Moslems and the Hindus were played one against the other by the British in order to spread the so-called differences. Now the Depressed Classes are being used for the same purpose. One can only ask who is being 'democratic' under such circumstances?

How can Indian leaders, who believe in democracy for everyone in the world 'get together' when they are in jail? Mahatma Gandhi has certainly stirred up nothing whatsoever. As for Pt. Nehru and those who represent his attitude how are such men to be looked on as anything but the most sincere anti-Fascists or as anything save victims of tyranny?"

INDIA'S FIRST LADY

The "New York Post" which devoted nearly a whole page article to Mrs. Pandit said: "For the first time since the beginning of the war an Indian leader has been permitted to come to America directly from India. That this leader should be India's 'First Lady' can be of the greatest consequence to everyone who believes in the 'Four Freedoms' everywhere".

"People's War" To Challenge Validity Of Search Warrant

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

An application for providing an opportunity to the Editor of the "People's War" to contest the validity of a search warrant issued against that paper by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, was made by Mr. A. S. R. Chari and granted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate, this morning.

The warrant was a sequel to a certain Bengali daily called 'Azad' publishing a note the source of which was attributed to the "People's War."

The news item concerned it alleged contained defamatory statements about the Fazlul Huq, the ex-Chief Minister of Bengal.

Annual Sports Of Hansraj Morarji Public School

The Fourth Annual Sports of Hansraj Morarji Public School, Worli were held on Sunday when Shri K. M. Munshi presided and Shrimati Lilavati K. Munshi distributed the prizes.

The group championship was secured by the Greens and the individual championship was secured by Natverlal M. Shukla. G. G. Gajaria and Navnit Patel carried away a large number of prizes.

BLACK-OUT LIFTED IN MADRAS PROVINCE

MADRAS, Dec. 19.

A press note issued by the Government of Madras today announces the removal of all lighting restrictions throughout the province excepting in areas surrounding Madras, Cocanada and Vizagapatam. The restrictions now in force will be continued to be observed within a distance of 25 miles from the above three cities.—A. P.

Mrs. Naidu Does Not See Frustration Anywhere

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 19.

In an interview on her way to Calcutta Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said: "To feel a sense of frustration is to betray the very ideals by which we live".

Mrs. Naidu said that many Congressmen had come and told her that there was a sense of frustration prevailing in the country. "I do not see any frustration, and there is no frustration", asserted Mrs. Naidu.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will stay for a couple of weeks at Calcutta where she will address the forthcoming Eighth All-India Students Federation Conference. She will also go to Shantiniketan where she will open the "Nari Seva Sangh" Exhibition on December 28 in connection with their "Celebration Week".

Mrs. Indira Gandhi accompanied by her little son met Mrs. Naidu at the Railway Station.—A. P.



Col. Balwant Singh of the 300 year old First Patiala Rajendra Sikh Infantry who have fought the Japs in the Burma Jungles for the last two and a half years. His battalion claims over 1,000 Jap dead and wounded.

RECALL HIGH-COMMISSIONER

Birmingham Indian Plea For Retaliatory Measure Against Union Govt.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 20.—The Birmingham Indian Association at its monthly meeting passed a resolution condemning the action of the South African Government in breaking the agreement with the Indian Leaders of Natal and still keeping in force the "Pegging Act" which places racial restrictions on the Indian community in South Africa.

The resolution also condemned the Indian Government for not taking vigorous retaliatory measures, namely recall of the High Commissioner and application of economic sanctions. —Reuter.

Congress Work In Maharashtra

(From Our Correspondent.)

NASIK, (By Mail.)

Mr. G. H. Deshpande, Secretary, M P C C, M L A, Nasik paid a visit to Ahmednagar on the 4th instant. He addressed a meeting organised by the Students' Union. In this meeting Mr. Deshpande explained the stand taken by the Congress in its meeting on the 8th of August 1942. Further, he explained the implications of the various statements issued by Gandhiji since his release. In the end Mr. Deshpande explained in somewhat details the constructive programme chalked by the Maharashtra congressmen under Gandhiji's guidance with special reference to the students' movement. He paid a visit to the office of the Students Union where he had a talk with student workers. The local Students' Union have decided to organise the brances of the Union practically in every taluka. At night Mr. G. H. Deshpande had a talk with local Congress workers in which Bhausahib Ferodia, M L A, Kakasaheb Garud, Mr. L M Patil, ex-Minister and some other local Congressmen participated. Some 100 influential Congress workers and sympathisers attended. Shrimati Premabai Kantak also participated in the talks. Mr. Deshpande explained to the workers the plans regarding the constructive activities chalked out by the constructive work committee which had recently met in Thana district at Manor under Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premer's chairmanship. In the morning of the 5th he visiting several institutions in the city including the Balikashram which is conducted by Shrimati Janakibai Apte on behalf of the local Harijan Sewak Sangh. In the evening Mr. Deshpande reached Yeola where he was received by local Congressmen on the Station. Here at 9-00 p.m. a private meeting was arranged by Sjt. Apte Guruji, which was attended by several Congress workers and sympathisers in the city, a number of students and workers of the Seva Dal as well as by a number of Congress-minded ladies. Mr. Deshpande spoke for an hour and explained to them the Congress position since August 1942 with special reference to the constructive activities planned by Provincial congressmen recently. On the morning of the 6th he had talks with the office bearers of the Taluka Congress Committee. A plan for the enrolemnt of members in taluka and for constructive activities was chalked out. In the evening Mr. Deshpande reached Malegaon where he was enthusiastically received by the leading Congressmen of the Taluka. He visited Seva Dal where a number of Hindu Muslim boys and girls were present. He explained to them the objective of the 'Dal' and exhorted them to follow the teachings of the 'Dal' seriously and sincerely. At night a private meeting of local workers, sympathisers merchants and students was arranged. Many Muslim workers and merchants also attended. Mr. Deshpande explained the Congress position in his speech with special reference to Hindu-Muslim unity. In the morning of the 7th he had talks with office bearers of the local students Union and Taluka Congress Committee. Three Momin weavers' associations had arranged parties in honour of Mr. Deshpande, which were attended by a number of Muslim and Hindu friends. The Muslim weavers in general very much appreciate the present political attitude of the Congress and its efforts to solve the Hindu Muslim problem. A number of influential Mohamedan workers are already working in the Congress some of them being office bearers. Enrolment of membership is going on enthusiastically and vigorously in Hindu-Muslim localities.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

Tenders for Rs Six Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 19th December. Total amount offered was Rs. 10,30,25,000—(Rupees ten crores thirty lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-0 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-13-9 allotted approximately 28 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Six Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-8-3 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Six Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Thursday the 28th December, in Bombay upto 11 a.m (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Wednesday the 27th December at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Saturday the 30th December. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 15th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,95,50,000—(Rupees three crores ninety-five lakhs fifty thousand only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

RLY. FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVES SPENDING Rs. 79 CRORES FOR 1945-46

Decides Expenditure On Rolling Stock, Open Line Works And Purchase Of Branch Lines

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

The Railway Standing Finance Committee at a meeting on Monday and Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Mr. Zahid Husain, C.I.E., Financial Commissioner of Railways approved of a programme of capital and depreciation fund expenditure for 1945-46, of Rs. 79 crores (Rs. 21 crores from capital and Rs. 58 crores from the depreciation fund), of which Rs. 11-1/4 crores was for open line works, Rs. 63-1/2 crores for rolling stock, about Rs. 2-1/4 crores for the purpose of branch lines, and the balance for machinery and increase in stores balances.

The negotiations for the purchase of the railways have just concluded and await ratification by the stockholders. The purchase will take effect from April 1, 1945.

Of the expenditure on works, about Rs. 1-1/2 crores is on new works, and the balance is divided almost equally between track renewals and works in progress.

The Committee also approved the proposal to purchase the Hoshiarpur Doab Branch Railways with effect from April 1, 1946, at an estimated cost of about Rs. 80 lakhs. The total approximate gross earnings of all budget lines from April, 1944, to November 30, 1944, amounted to Rs. 136.61 crores, which was Rs. 20.75 crores more than the actuals for the corresponding period of last year, and the total approximate working expenses including suspense but excluding appropriation to and from the depreciation reserve fund up to the end of October 1944 were Rs. 55.01 crores.

Eden On Chinese War Situation

LONDON, Dec. 20: Mr. Anthony Eden in reply to a question about the Chinese war situation told the Commons to-day that the recent Japanese advance constituted a grave menace to the Chinese Allies and he felt sure that the House would wish to express its confidence in them in this fresh trial of their 8th year of war.

Mr. Eden added: "The public declaration by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek shows that the challenge has been met with undaunted spirit and His Majesty's Government affirm their solidarity with him in the measures which he and his able American collaborator, Maj.-Gen. Wedemeyer, are taking. I am glad to say that for the time being at least the situation is easier and the Japanese have withdrawn from the furthest point they had reached. Meanwhile outside China Chinese troops have themselves made a notable contribution by the capture of Bhamo. I should add that the complete defeat of Japan and liberation of China are being hasterned by the blows dealt at the common enemy by the forces under the command of Admiral Mountbatten in Burma and those under the command of Admiral Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur in the Pacific.

REAL PROBLEM

Jack Lawson (Labour): Are steps now being taken to fully equip the Chinese troops to a greater extent than they have been in the past?

Mr. Eden: Everything in the power of the Allies will be done. The problem is very largely one of transport and getting the stuff there.

"Plans For World Peace Must Include Free Press"

MIAMI, (Florida), Dec. 17: John S. Knight, President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said here yesterday that the society is taking "an active role in the fight for world freedom of news because its members are convinced that without it no plan for world peace can possibly succeed."

Knight said that "if, on the other hand, the peoples of the world can come to know and understand one another through the freedom of international news exchange, many of the causes of war will have been eliminated."

Knight pointed out that the first act of every ambitious dictator is to have control of the press and said: "In this way he (the dictator) prevents his own people from knowing the truth and through his own subservient news agency distributes to the rest of the world the kind and type of news that best suits his own aims and ambitions.

"As an example, when Sumner Welles visited Germany in 1940, he found numerous items in the German press purporting to describe events alleged to have taken place in England and the United States which were not only untrue but fantastically untrue.

"Is it any wonder that international hates and suspicions thrive in such a climate? The United Nations cannot afford to follow the examples of the dictators."—U.S.O.W.I.

Illicit Liquor In Military Lorry

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANDRA, Dec. 11.

"Sub-Inspector W. R. Mangauli, who has risked his life in detecting this offence deserves commendation for his bravery as well as detection", observed Mr. G. R. Chaubal, First Class Resident Magistrate, Bandra, sentencing Abdul Satar Jusab, Barney Francis Coutts and Dhanraj Manikar, each to undergo three months R. I. for being found in possession of 36 gallons of illicit liquor.

In passing this sentence of three months R. I., which is considered rather serious for such offences, the learned Magistrate said, "this offence is committed in a military lorry which the ordinary police is not likely to check and hence this punishment of imprisonment is given in order to prevent further transportation of liquor and to prevent fraud on the police."

The prosecution case was that on November 8, 1944 at about 6-30 p.m., the accused were taking out of Kevni in Andheri, into Bombay, 36 gallons of illicit liquor in a military lorry driven at terrific speed. The Sub-Inspector who is alleged to have kept watch confronted the lorry, but the lorry would not stop. The Sub-Inspector then gave chase in a private car and was able to stop the lorry only after stopping his car in the middle of the road, way blocking the way. This he did at risk to his life. On being stopped it was further alleged the accused challenged the right of the Sub-Inspector, saying that only military police could examine the lorry, but the Sub-Inspector dragged the accused to the Police Station. The accused pleaded guilty and were sentenced as above.

COSMOPOLITAN GYMKHANA.

From December 23, 1944, Bandra is to have another cosmopolitan gymkhana. This has been made possible by Mr. M. D. Kooka, a Municipal Councillor of the Bandra Municipal Board, purchasing outright the old Parsi Club along Perry Road, Bandra.

Mr. Kooka, who is a firm believer that communal enterprises should not be encouraged is converting this old Parsi Club into a cosmopolitan one, with the aim and purpose of providing for the general public. The club will have tennis, badminton, indoor games, library, etc. The enterprise promises to be a huge success and membership is open to any and every one. There is to be only a limited number of members so hurry if you do not wish to be left out.

BASIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

SURAT, Dec. 20: The Provincial Basic Education Conference will be held here on December 25, 26 and 27. Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay will inaugurate the conference.—A. P.

Churchill's Personal Representative For India

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Gen. Charles J. S. King, Royal Engineers, engineer in chief at the war office, is to be personal representative of the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, in India and South-East Asia Command for welfare. It will be his duty to ascertain how Matters progress and to report to the Prime Minister any difficulties. This was announced by Mr. Churchill in the Commons today in a statement on Lord Munster's visit to India and the Burma Front.—Reuter.

Dharwar Congressmen Acquitted

HUBLI, Dec. 20.

Andaneppa Dooddametti, M L A and four others were acquitted for want of evidence by the Resident Magistrate, Dharwar, today. They were charged under Sec. 348 (6) of the Defence of India Rules, for making anti-war speech in the Congress workers meeting held at Jakkli on November 22 last. These persons, including three others, had been acquitted by the Additional Magistrate, Dharwar on Dec. 1, on a charge of holding a Congress workers' meeting in a public place.—A. P.

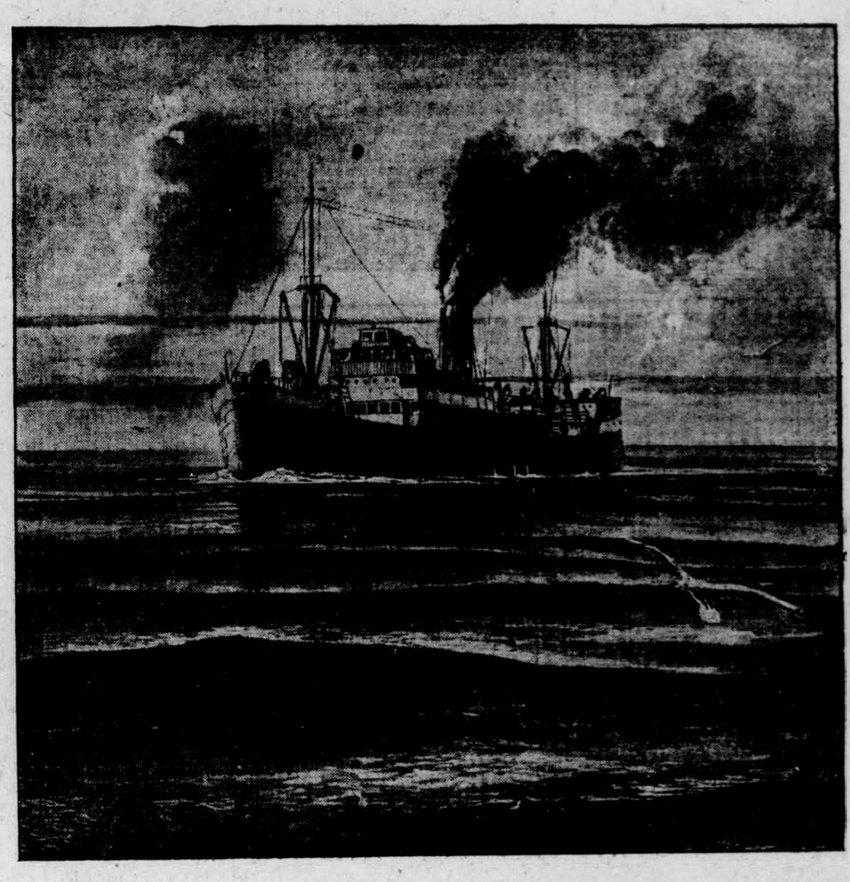
C. P. KEEPS OUT OF RANJI CONTEST

MADRAS, Dec. 20: The Central Provinces Cricket Association are not entering for the Inter-Provincial Championship for the Ranji Trophy. Mysore Cricket Association got a walkover and they are in the South Zone Final. Mysore will meet the winner of Madras and Hyderabad in the South Zone Final.—A. P.

SCHEDULED CASTES PROTEST

PANCHGANI, Dec. 19: A meeting of the Scheduled Castes to-day passed a resolution protesting against the Panchgani Municipality and Government for trying to eject the Scheduled Castes people from their hereditary land. The meeting decided that the Scheduled Castes would resist at all costs any attempts by Government to eject them. Mr. R. R. Bhole presided.—A. P.





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AMERICANS SEIZE VALENCIA

U. S. Forces Take Jap Headquarters; Rolling Up Yamashita Line

PHILIPPINES, Dec. 19.

The town of Valencia on the island of Leyte has been taken by United States forces, says Reuter's special correspondent with General MacArthur's forces, Leyte.

The airstrip at Valencia is now in use. The Americans are rolling up the Yamashita line. The Japanese Headquarters at Valencia have been captured. An additional 1,484 Japanese dead have been counted in the Ormoc area.

Over the island of Mindoro, 13 Japanese planes were shot down between December 17 and 18. Ground activity on the island continues unopposed.—Reuter.

OUR FOOD TODAY

It is proper diet that builds physical and mental vitality—that creates the charm of womanhood and vigour of manhood.

Diet in many homes to-day is deficient. Fresh vegetables, genuine ghee are rare. Butter is too costly. Good quality grains are unobtainable. Most of us do not get therefore, the required quantity of minerals and vitamins so essential to sustaining health and so important in building body cells and tissues—strong bones and teeth. It is vital therefore, that our diet should be supplemented.

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Atlantic Charter Never Formally Signed

There Is Only A Copy Scribbled With Corrections By Churchill And U. S. President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.

President Roosevelt told a press conference today (Tuesday) that nobody had ever signed the Atlantic Charter and there was no copy of it, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Ending the minor Washington controversy as to the existence of this historic document and its absence from the national museum, President Roosevelt said there never had been a formal document.

He added there had been a document scribbled with corrections by Mr. Churchill President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles and Sir Alexander Cadogan and their aides had been instructed to send this off to the Governments and to release it to the press. President Roosevelt also said no date had been fixed for the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin meeting.

Referring further to the charter, the President said all the nations had however put their signature to the obligations outlined in the Charter in the United Nations declaration of Washington. He recounted the series of mishaps when the Mexican and other Ambassadors gathered at White House to sign the declaration and found they had neither documents, pen nor ink.

Confronted with the conflicting headlines in newspapers on the statement by the Secretary of State Mr. Stettinius, regarding the Polish question President Roosevelt said he preferred the "Washington Star" to the "Washington Times Herald". The "Star's" headline was: "United States backs Poland" and the other paper said "United States supports the partition of Poland."

CHINESE ADVANCE INTO KWANGSI SLOWS DOWN

Japs Stiffen Resistance South-west Of Hochih Rly. Town

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.

The Chinese advance into Kwangsi Province has been slowed down on the outskirts of Hochih Railway town, 125 miles south-east of Kweiygna, says to-day's 'communique' from the Chinese High Command.

The 'communique' from the Chinese High Command said: "The enemy continues to offer bitter resistance south-west of Hochih. In south-west China, where Wanting on the Burma border is under siege from Chinese forces, the Japanese have launched a series of counter-attacks which are being held."—Reuter.

NIMITZ BECOMES ONE OF 5 U. S. STAR ADMIRALS

PACIFIC, Dec. 19.

Reuter's special correspondent, Pacific Fleet headquarters, Pearl Harbour writes:

Pending important Anglo-American naval developments, it was announced today that Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, and his staff have arrived here for a series of conferences with Admiral Chester Nimitz, United States Commander-in-Chief, Pacific.

The Conference will last several days. Admiral Nimitz today assumed the rank of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy as one of the three newly created "five star admirals."—Reuter.

Jap Munition Minister Resigns

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The German News Agency says Ginoiro Fujiwara, the Japanese Minister of munitions, has resigned for reasons of health and is being succeeded by Joshida, former Minister of Social Welfare.

Admiral H. Kobayashi, President of the Society for the support of the Thorne, has joined the Cabinet as Minister without portfolio.—Reuter.

Jap Torture Of Prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 19.

A British Government statement was issued to-day further elaborating Sir James Grigg's references in the Commons to the treatment of British prisoners of war forced by the Japanese to build a roadrail link between Siam and Burma.

The statement discloses: All the prisoners travelled from Singapore to Siam in metal cattle-trucks. The men could not lie down for the five days and nights of the journey and slept leaning against piles of equipment or against one another. They entered the jungle on foot and had to march upto 50 miles along tracks through disease-infected and insect-ridden jungle.

Their thirst was such that they drank from muddy puddles. At the end of the day's march they fell exhausted on waterlogged ground wrapping their heads in anything they had as protection from mosquitos.

The normal Japanese disciplinary code, which involves severe beating for even the most trivial offence, seems to have been applied to Officers and other ranks at all times without relaxation. Other forms of greater brutality were not infrequent and there were cases of torture and killing. Death rate was heavy.

HEAVY DEATH RATE

The Japanese themselves erected a memorial at Tamakan to approximately 25,000 men who had died on the railway. Of these less than 1,000 were Japanese, the remainder being represented as "English, Australian and Dutch."—Reuter.

Danish Shipping Co. Wrecked By Saboteurs

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The Swedish Radio today said that the Copenhagen offices of the East Asiatic Company—Danish Shipping Company—have been wrecked by an act of sabotage. Twenty armed men forced their way into the building, placed bombs on all the floors ordered the guards to shelter and blew up the building which now lies in ruins.

It is stated that the Danish freedom movement had nothing to do with this act of violence.

NAHAS PASHA'S BROTHER-IN-LAW ARRESTED

CAIRO, Dec. 19.

The arrest of Ahmed El-Wakin Effendi, a prominent Cairo businessman and brother-in-law of Nahas Pasha, former Premier of Egypt, and lawyer Hanna Fae, was announced today.

The two are to be tried on 30 charges connected with supplies. A 140,500 sterling collected for the relief of malaria during the regime of Nahas Pasha are being claimed by the present Egyptian Government.

Nahas Pasha stated, the money was withdrawn from the bank for fear that it might be taken by the future Government for a purpose other than the building of two children's homes for which the sum was originally collected.—Reuter.

Templewood On European Citizen's Rights

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Viscount Templewood, who as Sir Samuel Hoare was a former British Foreign Secretary and was until recently Ambassador in Spain, referred to his five year sojourn in Spain during a debate on Foreign Affairs in the House of Lords today.

Making his first speech in the House of Lords since his elevation to the peerage, Viscount Templewood moved a motion that the unifying forces in Europe stood in urgent need of strengthening and in particular, that every European citizen should be ensured of certain fundamental rights and liberties without which European civilisation could not continue.—Reuter

'Quake Shock Recorded By Colaba Observatory

BOMBAY, Dec 20.

An earthquake shock of slight intensity with its epicentre about 3345 miles away from Bombay was recorded by the seismographs in the Colaba Observatory at about 8.48 p.m. I. S. T. on Tuesday, December 19.—A. P.

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BOMBAY, Tuesday.

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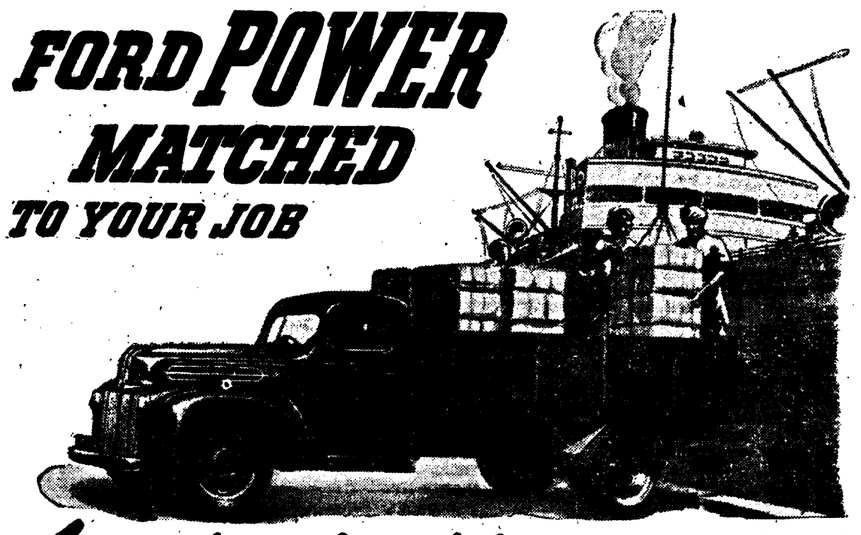
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Lohar Valley Tea Co. Ltd.				
Ordy.	1926	25 0 0	6	28 0 0
Land Trust of India Ltd.				
Ordy.	1941	10 0 0	6	11 0 0
Pref.		100 0 0	7	110 0 0
National Nutriments Ltd.,				
Ordy	1937	20 0 0	20	22 0 0
Pref.		10 0 0	7½ (Cumu.)	11 0 0
Defd.		1 0 0	100	4 8 0
Mica Mining & Trading Co. of India Ltd.,				
Ordy.	1939	25 0 0	10	30 0 0
Pref.		100 0 0	7 (Cumu.)	120 0 0
Aryan Silk and Cotton Mills Ltd.				
Ordy.	1942	50 0 0	5	50 0 0
Aryan Paper Mills Ltd.				
Ordy.		10 0 0	New issue.	
Pref.		100 0 0		
Hindusthan Laboratories Ltd.				
Ordy.		25 0 0	6	25 0 0
Metal Corporation of India Ltd.	Board of Directors include 1. Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar 2. Sarder Bahadur Sarder Indra Singh and Others.			
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Holiday Feeling In Share Bazar

LIQUIDATION IN BULLION MARKET

Cotton Awaits Crop Report

BOMBAY, December 20.

The local Share Bazar was quiet today with scattered realising and Holiday feeling was witnessed.

Bullion market turned quiet on professional and general liquidators. Cotton market was quietly steady awaiting All-India cotton crop forecast.

The market was quietly steady with a moderate turnover and quotations moved within a narrow range. There was more or less Holiday feeling. Tata Steel Dfd. opened at Rs. 2,247 and after declining to Rs. 2,237 steadied at Rs. 2,240. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 408 and were quoted at Rs. 409. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,867 and improved to Rs. 1,870. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 630 and hardened to Rs. 633 while Associated Cement Shares were placed at Rs. 250

There was steady liquidation and the market closed as under: :—Ready Silver Rs. 128/11. Settlement Rs. 128/12. Ready Gold Rs. 69/8, Settlement Rs. Rs. 69/7. Sovereigns Rs. 48.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

Apollo 4/5 4/4/6
Bharat 68 68/4
Bombay Dyeing 1870 71/4 63/12 72/8 65 73/12 58/12 70 62/8
Central India Ord 421 18 19 18 21 19 21/8 17/8 18/8 17 18/8 18
Central India Pref 735
Bradbury Ord 352/8
Colaba 235/8 36 34 35/8 33/8 34/8 33/8
Edward 812/8 7/8 12/8 10
Elphinstone Ord 92 92/8 91
Elphinstone Pref 127/8
Finlay 316 14 15 13 14
Gokak 319 19/8 18 21 17 18
India United Defd 3/5 3/4/3 3/4/9 3/4/3
India United Ord 15/14 15/15 15/13 15/13/6
Indore 780 77/8 82/8 80 81/4
Kohinoor 631 29 33 31 33 27 30 28
Madhusudan 457/8 62/8 60
Meyer 223/12 25 23/2 23/12
Model 261/4 63/12
Morarjee 705 2/8 5 3/12 5
New City 402/8
New Great 418 16 18 16 19 14 18 17
Podar 367/8 65
Sassoon Cotton 23 22/14
Shri Nivas 357/8
Simplex 281 78/8 81 79/8 81/8 78 79/8 78
Swadeshi 576 73 77 75 77 72 74 73
Swan 333 29 31 29 32/8 30
Tata Mill 71/12 71/8 72
Vishnu 485 87/8
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly 757/8

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Central 83/12 84 83/12 84
Habib 81
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India 192/8 92
International 58/8
Reserve 133/12 33/8

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Ahmedabad 222/8
Amalgamated 17/12
Andhra Valley Ord 18/7/8
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Bombay Steam 598/12 97/8
Scindia 36 36/2 35/14 36/6 36 36, 35/15 36/3 36/2
Jam Wire Steel 151
Tata Steel Defd 2252/8 40 45 36/4 46/4 38/12 42/8 40 45 31/4 43/12 41/4
Tata Steel Ord 409 7 8/8 8 9/8 8/8 7 7/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 163/12 63 63/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 451/4 50
Associated Cement 250 49/8 51/8 49 49/8
Belapur 235 36 35
Burma Old 500 502/8 500
B. B. Petrol 4 4/0/3 3/15 3/15/9 3/15/6
Devkaran Nanji Investment 28/2
Dharamsey Chemical 56 55
Indian Bleaching 182 85 84 85
I. I. Trust 125
Premier Construction Ord 220 24/8 21/8 22/8
Premier Construction Pref 138/12
Shivrajpur 59/12
Tata Chemical 20/14 20/12 20/14
Tata Oil 74/4 74
Walchandnagar Industries Ord 602/8
Eastern Chemical 12/4

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FURTHER INCREASE IN NOTE ISSUE

Total Rs. 1,003 Crores

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 15th day of December

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 8,91,40,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 9,94,69,76,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 10,03,61,16,000

ASSETS

A. Gold Coin and Bullion—
(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 8,86,32,89,000; Total of A Rs. 9,30,74,32,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 15,02,79,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57 94,05,000.
Total Assets Rs. 10,03,61,16,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 92.739 per cent.

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank sold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 129/10 to Rs. 129/12 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 69/8 to Rs. 69/9. The local market was quiet with increased offerings from professional operators. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 129/12 and improved to Rs. 130/8 under moderate buying. At this level there appeared active selling and price declined to Rs. 128/8. Some short covering hardened forward Silver to Rs. 129/8 and ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 129/12. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 69/4 and improved to Rs. 70/4 and later steadied at Rs. 69/8 while ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 69/9/6.

Bombay Cotton

The Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 448/8 for March delivery and declined to Rs. 446 under scattered selling. At the decline there was increased buying and March improved to Rs. 451/8 and later steadied at Rs. 449. It appears that the feeling in favour of cotton is increasing and buyers look for important rise in quotations before the crop begins to move. The All-India Cotton Crop estimate will be out tomorrow and if prices decline it will offer an opportunity to buy cotton.

The market fluctuated between Rs. 452/8 and Rs. 448 and steadied at Rs. 450. The recent action of the market is mainly due to nervous short covering as without possessing any cotton. Bears indulged in reckless sales at the cost of cotton growers; knowing well that the area under cotton cultivation was reduced with a view to grow more food and improve the statistical situation of cotton. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March 450 4 0
I.C.C. May ..... 461 4 0.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close
I.C.C. March	45u	445	449
I.C.C. May	46d/8	4b4, 8	459
Karachi March	46/11	45/2/6	45/10

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March contract is 468 cent points below New York March at exchange rate 331.

TRADE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

Routine price fixing and trade buying outweighed scattered offerings which were partially attributed to so-called Christmas selling. Trading continued quiet but steady with dribbling price fixing and trade buying the chief trading features. The market closed steady.

March delivery opened at 21.92 and declined to 21.90 under scattered selling which was the lowest level. Later on March rose to 21.95 and the session closed at a net rise of 4 to 6 points. Spot cotton price improved 5 points at 22.34c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

January 21.80+06, March 21.94+05, May 21.88+06, July 21.49+04, October 20.64+06, December 20.50+05, March highest (12-26 p.m.) 21.95+06, March lowest (10-4 a.m.) 21.90+01, Middling Spot 22.34+05.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March 21.97+06, May 21.90+05, July 21.52+05, Middling Spot 21.45+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March 21.92, May 21.84, July 21.45.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

U. S. Steel 60-1/8 Bethelehem Steel 64-7/8 N Y Central R R Com. 23-1/8 N Y Central 5 p c 2013 67-5/8 N Y Chicago St. Louis Pfd 116 Chesapeake and Ohio R R 50 Chase National Bank 44-3/4 Nat. City of N Y 43-3/4 General Motors 63-7/8 General Electric 39-1/4 Sun Life Assurance 295/310 Texas Corp. 48 3/4 Sinclair Oil 15 Socony Vacuum 13-1/2 Anaconda Copper 28 Kennecott Copper 36-3/8 Int. Nickel 28-1/2 Amer. Tel. & Tel. 164-3/8 Western Union 'A' 44 Consolidated Edison 24-3/4 Australia 5 p c 1955 100 Montgomery Ward 51-3/4

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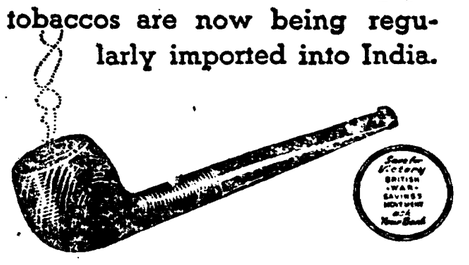
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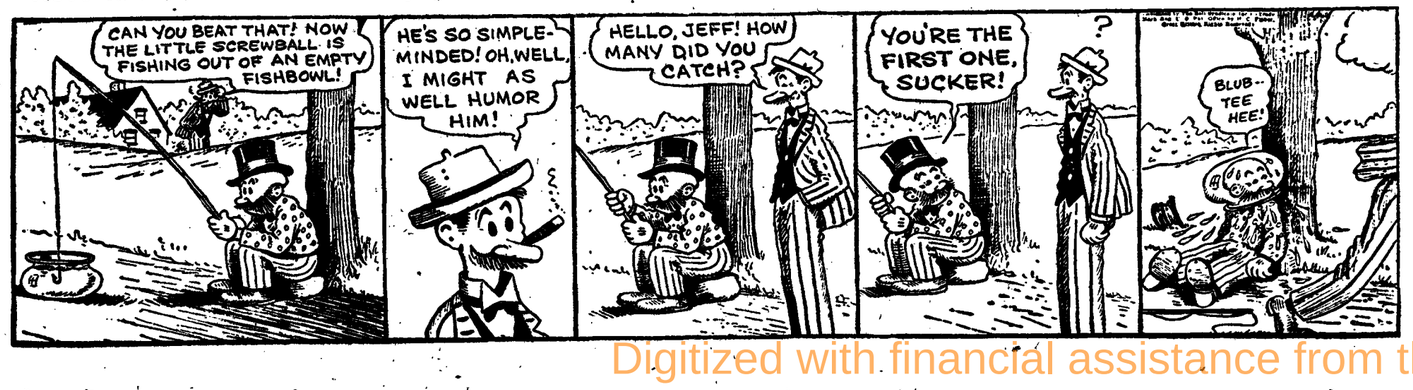
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(3) No printed tender forms are available, and intending purchasers are to submit their tenders in their own forms, but superscribed "Tender No. CS|MPD|1670 due on 28-12-1944, so as to reach this office by 4 P. M. on 28-12-44. The offer should remain open up to 15-1-1945. (1466)

THE INDIAN CO-OPERATIVE NAV. & TRADING CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Indian Co-operative Navigation & Trading Company, Limited will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st December, 1944, at 4 P.M. (N.S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company "Scindia House" Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

(1) To elect Directors in place of Dr. Socrates Noronha, Mr. L. S. Dabholkar and Mr. S. C. Sheth, who retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election under Article 89 of the Articles of Association.

(2) To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th December, 1944 to 29th December, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
For the Indian Co-operative N. & Tr. Co. Ltd.,
For the National Shipping Agency, Ltd.,
SHANTIKUMAR N. MORARJI,
Secretary,
Managing Agents.

Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.
20th November, 1944.

N. B.: Shareholders are requested to kindly notify any change of address giving Ledger Folio Number. 1079

PROPERTY FOR SALE

For Sale a four storied building on freehold land, measuring 474 yards at Kamatipura 5th lane, monthly rent Rs. 625/-. Apply Box No. 6865 'Bombay Chronicle.'

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Corks Indian Manufacture in all numbers and sizes including discs, washers etc. At very moderate rates. Apply to Gosris Limited, Ernakulam. 3851

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bombay Municipality has at the instance of the Government of Bombay and the Citizens' Relief Committee undertaken the construction of 300 rooms with a view to house the victims of the Explosions of April 1944. The rooms are situated at Arthur Road by the side of the Civil Jail. Each room will be 18' x 9'-3" and will have a verandah in front. The rooms will be constructed in blocks of ten each with common washing place, water-closets and taps. The rooms are likely to be available in the month of February 1944 and the rent per room is not likely to exceed Rs. 10|- p. m. Every person desiring to have an accommodation should apply to the City Engineer, Bombay Municipality, and supply the following information:

(1) Name and present address.
(2) Place of residence in the devastated area giving full description of room or rooms occupied, floor of the building, street number and name of building, etc.
(3) Religion, caste, etc.
(4) Occupation.
(5) Number of members in family Adults above 12 years Children below 12 years.

(Sd) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

Municipal Offices,
Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.
Dated 20th December 1944. (1463)

THE EASTERN STEAM NAV. CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on Thursday 21st December 1944 at 12 Noon (N.S.T.) to transact the following business:

(1) To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1944.
(2) To sanction the declaration of Dividend of Rs. 5|- per share free of Income-Tax for the year ended 30-6-1944.
(3) To elect Directors in place of Mr. Keshavdeo Nevatia and Mr. A. H. Ismail who retire by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election under Article 97 of the Articles of Association.
(4) To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

The Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 8th December to 22nd December, 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
For The Bengal Burma Steam Nav. Co., Ltd.,
For The Scindia Steam Nav. Co., Ltd.,
NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO., Agents,
Managing Agents.

Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, 16th November, 1944.

N. B.—The Dividend when sanctioned will be made payable at the Registered Office of the Company "Scindia House", Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on and after the 2ND JAN. 1945 to those shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on the 8th December, 1944 to whom Warrants will be posted.

Shareholders are requested to kindly notify any change of address giving Ledger Folio. (1114)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

NOTICE

1. The following Notification No. TB-(13)|44 dated 16th December 1944 was issued by the Textile Commissioner in the "Gazette of India Extraordinary" on 16th December 1944.

No. TB-(13)|44.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub clause (1) (b) of clause 18(B) of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, 1943, I hereby direct that no dealer carrying on business in the City of Bombay or in the Bombay Suburban District shall sell or deliver any cloth purchased by him directly from a manufacturer except to such person or persons and subject to such conditions as the Textile Commissioner may specify, and no such dealer shall save with a permission of the Textile Commissioner open any bale containing such cloth.

M. K. VELLODI,
16th December, 1944. Textile Commissioner.

2. This Notification makes it illegal for any quota holder in Bombay City or Island to sell, break open bales, or otherwise dispose of any cloth in stock with him or which may be received by him after this date from a manufacturer which includes goods received from any mills, any other power loom goods, and any goods received from processors, such as Printers, Dyers, etc., without a permission or direction from the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, or such other Officer as may be authorised by him in this behalf.

3. The Textile Commissioner is issuing the following general directions:—

(a) Nothing in this Notification shall apply to goods held by a quota holder or received by him in the future for export covered by a valid export licence.
(b) 20% of the stock on 16-12-44 and|or receipts in December 1944 of any quota holder of both coarse and fine goods in unbroken mill packed bales may be sold by a quota holder at a price not exceeding the ex-mill price plus 3% to any dealer holding a Bombay Government Cloth Dealers' Licence other than a quota holder or a retailer.
(c) All dealers in Bombay City and the Suburban District are permitted to deliver for despatch by rail, road or sea cloth bought from a manufacturer which they sold on or before the 16th December 1944 and for which a November or December 1944 Transport Permit has been or may be issued by the Textile Commissioner, provided such permit is registered for despatch within the time prescribed.

4. With regard to the balance of 80% of both coarse and fine goods in stock or received by quota-holders from manufacturers in future no sale is permitted except in pursuance of an Authority from the Textile Commissioner. Such authorities are being issued (see specimen below) to a limited number of dealers on the recommendation of the Provincial Textile Commissioner of Provinces and States in Deficit Zones authorising such quota holders to sell during December 1944 a specific number of bales to them at a price not exceeding the ex-mill price plus 4%. Under no circumstances will Rail Transport Permits be issued in future for despatch from Bombay to any Deficit Zone except in the case of sales made under such authority. Such sales are only permitted in mill packed bales. In future, no one will be permitted to purchase goods for Deficit Zones unless they are in possession of such an authority.

AUTHORITY NO. P. C. (12). Office of the Textile Commissioner, Section CYC (2), Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, the———— 1944.

With reference to the Textile Commissioner's Order No. TB—13|44 dated 16-12-44 and in exercise of the powers delegated to me in his Notification No. TB-13 (1) 44 dated 16-12-44 I hereby specify———— ————as a person to whom any dealer (hereinafter called the quota-holder) carrying on business in the City of Bombay or in the Bombay Suburban District, may, during the month of December, 1944, sell and deliver cloth which is purchased directly from a manufacturer, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(1) The quota-holder shall sell or deliver all such cloth in mill-packed bales only.
(2) The quota-holder shall sell such cloth at a price not exceeding (4%) above the ex-mill price thereof.
(3) The quota-holder shall in every entry in his books or documents relating to any such sale specify the above Authority Number.
(4) The quota-holder shall before delivering any such cloth to the purchaser enter details of the sale in Columns 2 to 7 of the Schedule on the reverse and sign in Column 1 certifying the accuracy of these entries.

for TEXTILE COMMISSIONER.

2. The conditions on which the purchaser is authorised to purchase are:—

(a) He shall not purchase more than———— (in words and figures) bales of which not more than———— (in words and figures) bales shall be of fine cloth, i.e., cloth the warp counts of which are 36s or finer,
(b) He shall not pay a sum in excess of (4%) of the ex-mill price for the cloth to the quota-holder.
(c) He shall return this Authority to this Office on or before the 2nd January, 1945 for cancellation with all the details of the purchase made under it filled in on the Schedule overleaf.
(d) The actual consignor of the cloth in his application for a transport permit on Form 'B' shall insert in Column (5) of Form 'B' the number of this Authority.
(e) He undertakes to arrange for the despatch of all cloth purchased under this Authority to a destination in the ————Deficit Zone.
(f) Failure to observe any of the conditions above will result in cancellation of this permission and no such further permissions will be issued to him.
(g) He may employ a Commission Agent providing such Commission Agent holds a Bombay Government Cloth Dealers' Licence, to make all or any of such purchases on his behalf.

for TEXTILE COMMISSIONER.

NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS

(1) The holder of this permit must enter in Column (8) of the Schedule overleaf the name and the identity card number of the actual consignor of the goods who must then apply on Form 'B' to the Office of the Bombay Cloth Distribution Panel, Old G. I. P. Booking Office, Old Hanuman Second Cross Lane, Mulji Jetha Market, Bombay, for a transport permit in the ordinary way. Such applications must be made to the Panel Office on or before the 31st December, 1944 and all transport permits received as a result of such applications must be registered with the Office of the Textile Commissioner for the despatch on or before the 7th January, 1945.

(2) The actual consignor will be either
(1) The Holder of this Authority (Purchaser),
(2) The quota-holder (Seller),
(3) A Commission Agent buying on behalf and on account of the Purchaser.

It must be remembered that no person other than a dealer holding a Bombay Government Cloth Licence is eligible to be a Consignee.

ON THE REVERSE

SCHEDULE OF ALL PURCHASES MADE UNDER THIS AUTHORITY

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Signature and full name and address of quota-holder.	Quota Holder's Bombay Govt. Licence number.	Date of sale by quota-holder.	Actual bale Nos. (Detail each bale number on a separate line).	Contents in yards.	Mill Tex-mark No. and month	Full trade description of cloth sold.	Full name and address and identity card number of consignor who will apply to the Panel Office on form 'B' for the permit to despatch the cloth.

5. All quota-holders in Bombay City and Suburban District are hereby required to submit a return in the following form to the Textile Commissioner, CYC-4 Section, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on Tuesday the 26th December and thereafter on or before every succeeding Tuesday giving details of their stocks, receipts, and sales, for the previous week up to the evening of the preceding Saturday, including all receipts or sales made on that Saturday, in the following form:—

(NOTE: This form must be completed in addition to all other statements that may be already submitted by such quota-holders who must supply their own forms).

FROM P. C. A.

The form below is to be submitted to the Textile Commissioner CYC (2) Section, Hararwala Building, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, every Tuesday by all quota holders in Bombay City and Suburban District.

Full name and address of quota holders. ———— Telephone No. ———— (If any) Bombay Government Cloth Dealer's Licence No. ————

WEEKLY RETURN OF CLOTH IN STOCK, RECEIVED FROM ANY MANUFACTURER AND DISPOSED OF DURING THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY THE ————(fill in date).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bale Nos. (each bale No. must be inserted on a separate line) preface to 'E' before each bale delivered to you for export).	Date on which mill delivered including goods paid for and lying on quota holder's a|c in mills' godowns.	Mill Tex Mark No. & Month.	Full trade description of Cloth.	Date of sale by quota-holder if any.	Quote here No. of authority letter issued to Deficit Zone Purchaser by Textile Commissioner covering each sale.	Full name and address and Bombay Govt. Cloth Dealers' Licence No. of dealer to whom any sale is made by the quota holder other than those detailed in column 6. NOTE: No sales are permitted to other quota holders or retailers, other than those holding letters of Authority.

Total Number of bales in stock at the beginning of the week————
Total Number of bales received from mills during the week————
TOTAL ————
Less bales during the week————
Balance in stock at the end of the week————
Date of Return————

Total Number of bales awaiting delivery to quota-holder unpaid for in mills' godowns.————
Number of bales received during the week for export covered by a valid export licence.————

SIGNATURE OF THE QUOTA-HOLDER.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED by the Chief Medical Officer, Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd., Jamshedpur, for the post of Dental Mechanic with knowledge of Gold work on Rs. 60|- per month plus Profit Sharing Bonus which has averaged 2.1|2 to 3 months salary in the past and usual Dearness and Emergency allowances.

The last date for receipt of applications is 29th December, 1944.

For THE TATA IRON & STEEL CO., LTD.
(Sd.) R. G. DESHMUKH,
Purchasing Officer.
(1379)

INDIAN POSTS & TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT,

TELEPHONES, BOMBAY DISTRICT.
Amar Building, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road.

TENDERS ARE INVITED from bona fide dealers for supply of 270 pairs of rubber soled white canvas shoes of different sizes with heels and laces.

Tender forms containing terms and conditions can be had from the undersigned between 11-30 A. M. and 4-30 P. M.

No Tender forms will be issued after 23rd instant.

A. G. VERE,
General Manager.
Bombay, 21st December, 1944.
(1467)

NOTICE.

WORKABLE second hand Typewriters of any make, model and size are required for Government use. Persons or firms desirous of selling their machines are requested to correspond with the undersigned stating make, model size year of purchase and price.

R. GHOSH,
Superintendent,
Bihar Government Printing,
Gulzarbagh, Patna.
(1440)

PUBLIC NOTICE.

LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that five shares of Indian Bleaching, Dyeing & Printing Works Ltd., Nos 333, 340, 1293, 1308, 2107 standing in the name of Odhavji Mulji are lost or mislaid. The public is hereby warned against dealing with same.

R. R. SHAH
For Shriniwas Jamnadas.
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